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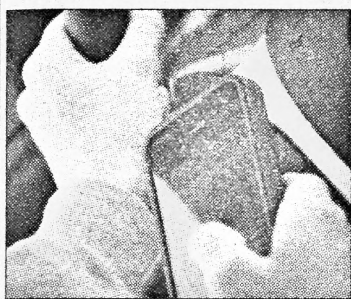
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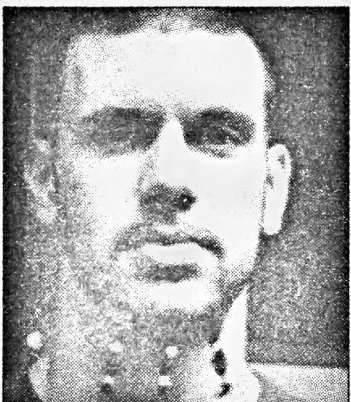
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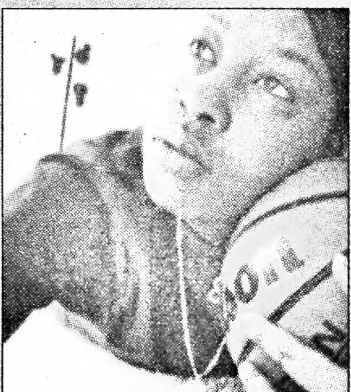
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All cars were cleared from the McHie and Chalfant parking lots on April 5 to make room for the rec center.

McHie lot wrecked for rec center

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For many months the building of a recreational center on campus has been an idea waiting to happen. But now students and faculty can see construction of the multi-million dollar state-of-the-art project begin.

Construction will be completed in approximately 18 months with an official opening date for the building set for Dec. 12, 2012, according to VP for Student Development Woody Webb. A big celebration has been planned on midnight of that date to welcome a new facility that will officially be named the New Student Life and Recreation Center.

"The center is a much anticipated addition to Olivet's campus," Webb said.

The site is estimated to measure 165,000 square feet.

"The New Student Life [and Recreation] Center is nearly three times the size of the Centennial Chapel," Webb explained.

The complex will accommodate innovative and exciting features for the general student population, according to Webb.

The building will be made with high-tech modern design, including windows that reduce the amount of heat coming through the glass and geothermal energy to regulate the temperature.

"Behind Wisner Hall, hundreds of steel rods will be planted several yards underground, capturing the earth's heat and joining with the building's water circulation

to give it heated water," Webb explained.

Other features include a rock climbing wall, an eight-lane running track (which will host the first indoor track and field season in the winter of 2012 and indoor track meets on Saturdays), a 10-lane competition pool, and a recreational pool.

A women's intercollegiate water polo team will be added to varsity sports and instructed by the newly proposed coach of Olivet's first intercollegiate swim team. Co-ed swimming times are yet to be finalized, Webb said.

The complex will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday

through Friday. Weekend hours will be set based on usage.

Webb added that the center would not be open for general public use.

The swim coach and the coach's general assistant will be the only new staff members working in the center according to Webb, but a number of certified workers will be on staff to instruct and supervise students. These workers include one certified lifeguard on duty at all times while either pool is open and a certified student instructor to assist students who choose to climb the rock wall. All of these workers will be under the supervision of Director of Campus

Recreation and Student Development Matt Smith.

Webb said the competition pool will be closed to general students during water polo and swim team practices although some of the lanes might be left open for non-competitive swimmers. The leisure pool, however, will be open regularly for students to enjoy.

Webb briefly spoke about the requirements for students' attire whilst using either one of the pools. "During anytime students wish to use the pool, women would be required to wear one-piece suits and men modest shorts."

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The new rec center will be connected to the buildings of McHie and Chalfant. The center is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

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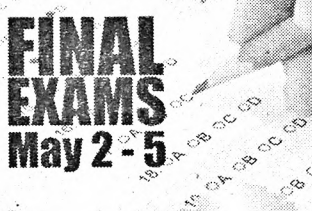
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April 7-9

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April 30

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spa night

finals May 2-5



May 7

commencement

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Tiger Tracks raises \$15,000 for Haiti

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Despite a chilly morning and rainy conditions, Tiger Tracks was able to host its third annual track event on April 9 with a renewed purpose to raise funds for Haiti Missions-In-Action teams.

Hosted by Olivet Counseling and Health Services, the 5K run/3K walk raised over \$15,000 dollars which will be allocated towards various upcoming relief projects.

Over 100 runners, walkers and volunteers braved the elements in order to be part of the first ever Tiger Tracks fundraiser.

In the past, Tiger Tracks was usually a small, faculty-only event for fun, said Mary Schweigert, campus nurse and organizer of the event.

"The fact that we raised over \$15,000 dollars despite the weather is an amazing feat; the people that showed up today were truly dedicated to the cause."

Schweigert added that the event had a good turnout.

"We gave out 100 of our 110 T-shirts to our preregistered participants, and we had tons of walkers too."

Huddled together at Ward

Field's outer track with light rain falling, the runners waited for the starting gun.

The participants were tasked to run down University Avenue and return to Ward Field after circling through S. Grand Drive and E. Grand Drive, making an extended loop through the front campus.

The first runner to cross the finish line was Josh Rogowski with a time of 16 minutes and 31 seconds.

Jorge Bonilla, a Student Services counselor, used Tiger Tracks to prepare for his upcoming races.

"I love running, this is my start for the spring and it will help me get ready for the Chicago Marathon."

Bonilla finished fourth with a time of 20 minutes and 42 seconds in his first Tiger Tracks race.

A group of four students ran the race dressed as characters from Nintendo's popular "Mario Bros." series.

"Mario" finished first while "Toad" had a photo finish at the line against another runner.

ONU mascot Toby the Tiger made an appearance along with fellow student freshman Scott Ellis who cheered on the runners before the race and offered encouragement during the final leg.

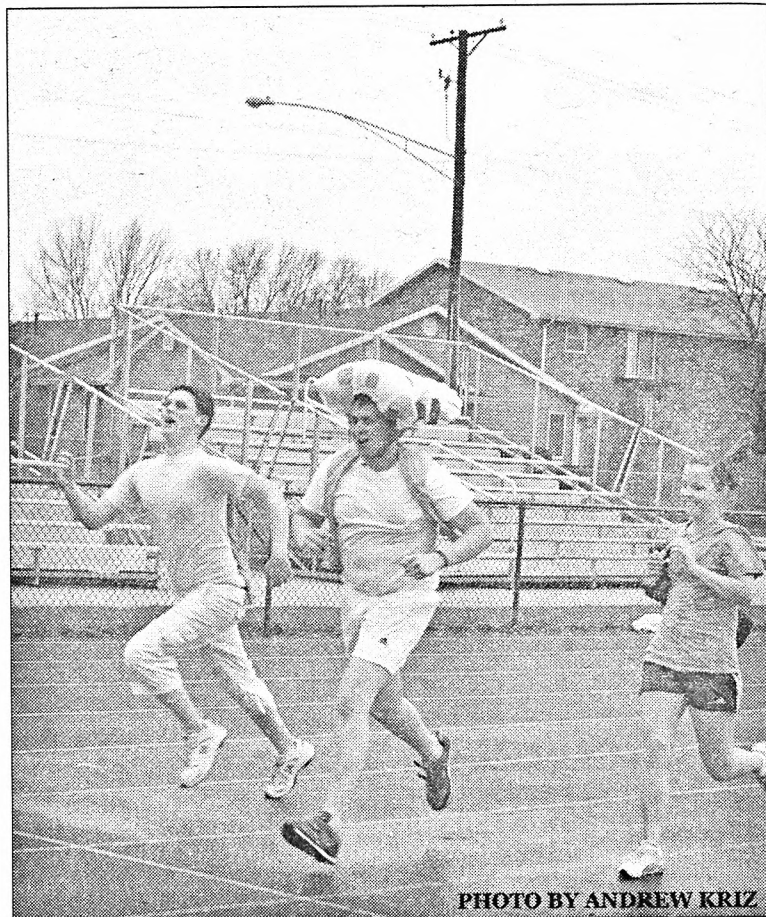


PHOTO BY ANDREW KRIZ

"Toad" crosses the line with another runner in a photo finish at the Tiger Tracks race on April 9. He ran with three other students dressed as characters from the "Mario Bros." Nintendo series.

ASC updates:

New class council members elected

Last week, students voted in class council elections to choose officers for next year's senior, junior and sophomore classes.

The councils put on events throughout the year to create community among their peers and lead their classes in school-wide events like Ollies Follies. They also make up the ASC voting council, along with the 10 executives.

Below are the names of the newly elected officers for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Class of '12 (seniors)

President: Kayla Rolling

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Representatives:

Jana Pierce
Sarah Sinn
Angela Rivas
Chris Cornish
Steven Krueger

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President: Jameson Forshee

Chaplain: Kyle Boone

Representatives:

Joe Schindel
Jeremy Height
Jose Cruz
Kara Hepler
Matt Van Dyke

Class of '14 (sophomores)

President: Brandon Klemm

Chaplain: Josh Parker

Representatives:

Madison Leeseberg
Anna Greider
Ross Johnson
Alina Ellis
Treavor Dodsworth

Freshman officers will be elected when the new class of students arrives on campus in the fall.

— Cathy Schutt

Karg re-elected
as NSLA co-chair

Olivet's own Student Body President, Evan Karg, was re-elected as co-chair of the Nazarene Student Leadership Association (NSLA) at an international conference on Saturday, April 9.

The co-chair acts as a leader among leaders, heading up the annual Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) for the executive student councils members from 11 Nazarene colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

Karg served as co-chair this past year. He was nominated for re-election by another student body president and was voted in by the members of NSLA.

He and Olivet's 10 new executives attended NSLC at Ambrose University College in Canada from April 5 to April 10.

— Cathy Schutt

Clayton resigns
from PLNU

Todd Clayton, a senior at Point Loma Nazarene University, announced to the student body that he is stepping down as their Associated Student Body Director of Spiritual Life.

Clayton told *The Point Weekly*, PLNU's student newspaper, he resigned because he's tired, not because he was asked to.

"I need to attend to my person apart from my role [as spiritual life director]," he said.

Clayton expects to be paid in full for his time on ASB this year, according to *The Point Weekly*. He said he has done all of the work already.

Clayton recently announced to the PLNU community that he is gay. He is now working to establish a gay-straight alliance at PLNU.

— Jessica Cohea

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SIFE goes to nationals

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For the ninth year in a row, ONU's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will be heading to nationals. Members of the club will be in Minneapolis, Minn. from May 10 to 12 competing against about 175 other SIFE teams from across the United States.

This year's ONU presenters are juniors Staci Oliver and Jacob Schmidt, and seniors Paige Watson, Ashley Burgoyne and Mitch Kaufmann.

The winner of the national competition will move on to represent the U.S. in the World Cup, according to www.sife.org.

SIFE is an intercollegiate group, second in size only to the NCAA, according to senior Mike Tuttle, ONU SIFE President. He said there are about 400 college campuses in the nation with SIFE teams and about 1,800 teams internationally.

"SIFE is a secret on our campus that we should be proud of, but nobody knows about," Tuttle said.

This year, ONU's team has between 25 and 30 people. Most of the group is in the SIFE class, which meets Friday mornings at 9:30. There are a few, however, that are not enrolled in the class but participate anyway.

Throughout the school year, SIFE members take part in various projects. This year, some of those projects the group put together were teaching computer skills to Hispanics as well as to people at the Jerome Combs Detention Center, teaching high school students basic credit skills and teaching fourth graders about budgeting.

"We play a game with [the fourth graders] so they know that the bank is a good thing to bring your money to," Tuttle said.

Some SIFE members also traveled to Haiti this year with Missions in Action as a follow-up to



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MIKE TUTTLE

From left: Jacob Schmidt, Dr. Lynda Allen, Stephanie Eis, Ashley Burgoyne, Mike Tuttle, Paige Watson, Staci Oliver, Lauren Blunier and Mitch Kaufmann will head to Minnesota in May to represent ONU's SIFE team at the national competition.

their Haiti Water Project held last year on campus.

In Haiti, the team tried to establish a relationship with the Haitian-American Caucus, a group that works with the many entrepreneurs that live in Haiti. Tuttle explained that in doing so, the team hopes to teach people in Haiti different business skills over video chat next year.

"We will hopefully use our business skills to give them a business model and do whatever we can to help them have better lives," Tuttle said.

The club has also assisted local entrepreneur Mandy Benoit. Benoit makes jewelry, and SIFE members have helped her grow her business.

"This year we did an open house for her. She had over \$2,000 in sales – most of which coming from Olivet students because we helped her develop a new product line that was designed for college students. We also got her on Etsy – Amazon for artistic people," Tuttle said.

Helping Benoit and aiding outreach missions are some of the

main focuses the presenters will discuss at nationals this year.

At the competition, SIFE teams are seated randomly against different schools and placed into one of 20 different leagues. The speakers from each college or university present the projects their school did throughout the year, and then a winner is chosen from each league based on the overall effectiveness of their projects. The top 20 schools present again until a champion is named.

"We have never made it to that second round," Tuttle said. Olivet's SIFE has only gotten as far as second runner-up in the first round at nationals.

Making it to nationals used to be an accomplishment for ONU's SIFE, but the team has since made it nine years in a row. The organization's main goal now is to make it past the first round.

"Getting to nationals is pretty easy," Tuttle said. "We know how to do that. Now we're just trying to get to the next step. I wouldn't say that we will necessarily win our division, but it's possible. I'm eager to find out what happens."

Beyond Olivet

National

Obama proposes plan to decrease national debt

On Wednesday, April 13, President Barack Obama proposed a new budget to offset the national debt, according to an article in *The New York Times*.

The plan includes a combination of long-term spending cuts, tax increases and changes to social welfare programs. Obama's proposal serves as a "balanced alternative" to a Republican plan that has been in progress for several months, the article said.

Obama said his plan would cut federal budget deficits by a cumulative \$4 trillion over 12 years. He named Vice President Joseph Biden Jr. to lead

the negotiations with Congress on Friday. The administration hopes a deal can be made by June 2011.

Yale student gets caught in machinery and dies

A student at Yale University was found dead on Wednesday, April 13, after her long hair got caught in machinery in a laboratory shop on campus, according to an article in *USA Today*.

Michele Dufault, an astronomy major from Scituate, Mass., was working on her senior project when her hair was pulled into a metal lathe and twisted around the machine.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration is now investigating the lab and whether or not it complies with federal safety regulations.

April Fools: 'Gotcha!'

In the last edition of the *GlimmerGlass*, the newspaper staff made up 13 stories and one editorial. There was also a contest to see who could pick out all of the fake stories.

Three winners scored prizes from the staff because they correctly identified the fake stories. Senior John Rachan was the first winner. He received a \$25 Visa gift card. Freshman Ainsley Stebbins and sophomore Alisha Evans were the second and third place winners. They each received a gift bag of candy.

The fabricated stories in the April 1 edition of the *GlimmerGlass* were:

- What goes up must come down
- Rec center delayed six months
- Olivet adds marriage degree
- Enrollment rule may limit number of students
- Science department starts cloning rats

- Men and women scheduled to live together next fall
- Energy crisis: Say goodbye to a.m. coffee
- The Zone: Get in while you still can
- Editorial: Rec Center
- 'Wolverine' to be filmed at ONU
- Cubs offer advice to ONU baseball team
- Maybe it's not for Muggles...
- Euchre gets competitive
- '1,000 points is good enough - goodbye ONU'

These 14 articles were completely made up by the *GlimmerGlass* staff. The sources in the stories were aware before print that their names were going to be used, but they did not say the words or phrases that they were quoted by.

April Fools!

— Jessica Cohea

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Eskew's trial to be held in May

A former Olivet student charged with two counts of disorderly conduct pleaded not guilty to the class four felony charges, the lowest felony in the Illinois court system.

Amanda Eskew, 19, was represented by Kankakee County Assistant Public Defender Robert Regas at her April 1 arraignment. Her next court date is set for May 13.

Eskew was arrested on Nov. 3 for giving a false police report. Chief Judge Kathy Bradshaw-Elliott issued an arrest warrant for Eskew's failure to appear in court on Jan. 31.

However, after hearing from prosecutors, Judge Elliott canceled the warrant and ordered Eskew to court on Feb. 24. Her arraignment was reset for April 1 after Judge Elliott appointed a public defender to represent her.

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Over 500 spaces gone to make way for rec center

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For students, the possibility of being able to go swimming on campus may be months away, but construction has already begun in front of McHie Arena. As a result, parking spaces in that area must be altered.

Director of Public Safety Craig Bishop said there are approximately 90 spaces in the Gibson-Idle parking area under construction. (The Gibson-Idle parking lot is located near the softball field.)

After the building's completion, those spaces will be included as a resource for student parking. Bishop added that a total of 502 parking spaces will also be committed to the new Recreational Center in December 2012.

Roughly 100 spaces will be lost once construction is finished, but Bishop said these losses would be made up in other parts of Olivet's campus.

"The approximate 117 parking spaces reduced due to the Recreation Center are regained in the

parking resources located on the south side of University Avenue," he said.

The Ward Field parking lot is one such area, as well as the east side of Centennial Chapel; both locations will have roughly 220 parking spaces. The chapel's west side will make up the final lot with 180 parking spaces. Bishop said the inconvenience of parking at Ward Field instead of McHie has been anticipated, and spots at Ward Field will be provided at no extra charge.

A proposal has also been made to create a new paved parking area on the front lawn (south side) of Grand apartments 413 and 415, according to Bishop.

Men's soccer graduate assistant, Matt Prunckle, used to park in front of McHie. Prunckle understands students' feelings on the new parking situation.

"I think many [people] thought they were going to close it when students were let out in May," he said. "It's a little inconvenient but will be worth it once the rec center is finished in 2012."



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Letter to the Editor:

I recently read the story about homosexual rights on campus. I feel as though the other side of the story was vague and misrepresented. The most irritating thing is that the letters to the editor that explained very well the perspective many students on this campus that love and cherish the lives of everyone regardless of orientation, sexual or otherwise. These letters were placed in the back of the April Fool's newspaper, of which were mixed in many facetious stories. I appreciate the thought to even include the letters and voice of the students in the paper, but I feel like it was purposefully slighted.

The original story itself made me feel wrongly accused. I have never, and would never purposefully alienate or abuse someone because of their sexual orientation. I also felt like that story was extremely biased, and the reporter did not do his or her due diligence in writing about both parties equally. In other words, this full page colored story seemed like a rash generalization of the opinion of a few and should have not been a story because it was incomplete. It was merely an opinion of a minority group. Now, the opinion of the majority at Olivet are not heard correctly because they got half of a page, not colored, in the back of newspaper that was meant to be a joke for April Fool's day.

Please reconsider the voice of all of the student body before printing illegitimate information in a major story. That story made no positive difference if that was the intention of the self-proclaimed "abused." The only thing that story did was make me want to resent all homosexual students I meet because I feel like I was being called out on a generalization of the student body and Olivet as a whole.

I am not a very eloquent writer, but I do know what solid journalism looks like, and that story did not represent it.

Thank you for your consideration.
— Tim Hall

Student responses were submitted to the GlimmerGlass by volunteer writers and presented as opinions, which both were. Your statement that the GlimmerGlass "purposefully slighted" those stories is therefore incorrect. Carrying these on the opinion pages stressed their serious nature. These pages do not carry color.

The original article, from the March 18 issue, was an in-depth story, covering all sides of the issue and was printed in the appropriate section, the In-Depth section. That section always carries color.

The debate is continued in this issue.

To make light of this matter would have been inappropriate. (A list of the fun April Fools stories appears on page 3.)

— Ed.

Students suffer with parking situation

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The new renovation being made to Olivet Nazarene University's campus is either going to excite or annoy people. The type of reaction you receive solely depends on whom you talk to. If you are asking an incoming freshman, the excitement may just be palpable. If you are asking me, I am a part of the latter group.

I am fully supportive of taking this already beautiful campus and updating its features. A modernized library? Great. A large, beautifully designed chapel that can accommodate the student body plus the faculty? Also great. Aesthetic walkways and a new top for the clock tower? Even better. But one area that needs some serious help the parking (or lack thereof).

In just the last week, ONU's largest parking lot for students, and even some faculty and staff, has been quarantined and torn up to make way for the new Rec Center. While I see this new addition as great for future students, the already barely-sufficient parking situation on campus has worsened.

Instead of focusing on building the parking garage first and taking time to completely finish the new North lot, someone jumped the gun and decided to build the Rec Center instead. This forward movement, while benefitting future students, seems to be slightly backwards. It also does not do



PHOTO BY ALY GIBSON

Little orange tickets can be seen all over campus, especially now that the McHie parking lot is unavailable. Students feel that the closing is an inconvenience.

much for current students.

Women who live in University Place gained access to the almost-finished lot. Yes, it is parking, but the pavement is uneven and unfinished in some areas, only some of the parking lines have been painted; and the exit to Stadium Drive is difficult to discern from the dirt road that runs adjacent to it. UP residents have lost the main entrance out of the complex and are forced to walk anywhere from 10

to 15 minutes out of the way just to reach inner campus, depending on how fast they walk. Walking never killed anyone, but I'm sure I am not the only one frustrated with the extra trek just to get dinner or make it to class on time without leaving 30 minutes beforehand.

Putting aside resident students, now commuters and faculty have to accommodate a larger influx of cars in their typical lots.

Spaces reserved for commuters

are now being filled to capacity with resident students' cars that are not as often moved and take up much needed spacing for those who drive the extra mile, so to speak.

Ultimately, I understand that during construction, sacrifices must be made, if only temporarily, for the end result. Yet, I think more preparation should have been given to the parking situation that now haunts the campus.

Volunteer: don't waste time this summer

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The summer is a time to relax and have fun because we do not have school; at least that is what our culture has deemed it to be. While many people get summer jobs as a respectable way to spend the summer, many treat summer as a three and a half month cruise. There is nothing wrong with some time for solitude, relaxation and enjoyment, but spending an entire summer for yourself is an issue on the moral and spiritual levels.

Those lazy days during summer vacation are easily wasted on doing nothing to advance our

character or spread the love of Jesus. Too often, I have fallen to the same trap, as I am about to describe. We complain about being bored and having nothing to do. But there is so much need in the world and so much we draw attention away from when we choose to live in a world of only luxury and do not challenge ourselves to see the gritty world in which many are forced to face.

Those who spend summers going on mission trips as opposed to nonstop beach trips, who volunteer their time helping out at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter, who do community service rather than watch TV shows for hours on

end are the ones who are following Christ in what He called His disciples to do. We need to learn to act upon self-discipline and self-motivation in order to further the good news, in order to be an outpouring of love and hope into the people who need a light.

The experience of going to Disney World is nothing compared to seeing the Spirit move. Spending three weeks in a five-star hotel and spa will not be as refreshing as spending three weeks being cleansed by the blood of Christ and sharing your life with strangers who are in love with the same mission you are. Mission trips to other countries are so powerful

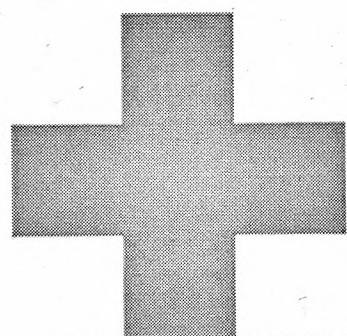
and impacting, but they are also not the only things you can do to make a difference. Mission trips into the homes of neighbors in need can be just as impacting.

There is no excuse to be bored in the summer. Relax and find enjoyment, but do not treat the summer as an extended party unless it is a party with Jesus. Jesus had a divine purpose for every trip He took, every party He went to and yet He still enjoyed himself.

Do not get me wrong; I am not condemning anyone for taking a road trip. But will it not be just as rewarding if we decide to stop and plant some roses along the way, instead of just smelling them?

Looking for volunteer opportunities this summer in the Kankakee area?

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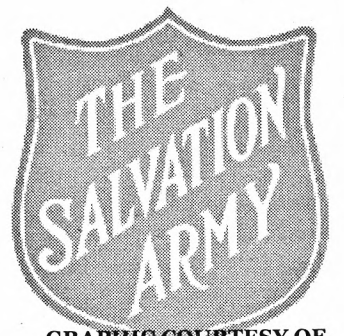
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Despite the ban of texting and driving, people still value their social lives more than their safety

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A billboard with the message *Rest Area = Text Area* stands facing Interstate 57. But although the words are loud and bold, some drivers are too consumed with the tiny screens of their phones to notice, worried that a quick glance at the road may cost them precious time that they could be using to text their boyfriend, grandma or BFF.

On Jan. 1, 2010, Illinois lawmakers passed a law to prohibit texting while driving.

Public Act 096-0130 of the Illinois General Assembly states, "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message," adding that "Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site."

While 75 percent of American teenagers ages 12 to 17 own a cell phone, 66 percent use their phones to send or receive text messages, according to the study "Teens and Distracted Driving" by the Pew Internet and American Life Project in 2009. Additionally, 48 percent of teens said that they have been in a car when the driver was texting.

Studies have found that people who text while driving present more of a hazard on the road than those who drive under the influence of alcohol.

A July 2004 study cites the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, claiming that "any time during the day, 11 percent of

drivers [are] likely to be using cell phones."

The study concluded that cell-phone drivers "exhibited greater impairment" than drunk drivers. Researchers used a simulator to test the effect of using a cell phone while driving compared to driving under the influence of alcohol. The study found that cell-phone drivers had slower reaction times when braking the car, which caused more traffic accidents than when they were not on their phones. The study also found that having a conversation on a cell phone distracts the driver more than other distractions in the car, including talking to other passengers. Additionally, using a hands-free phone instead of a hand-held phone did not improve a driver's ability to focus on the road.

More than half of all American drivers say they feel less safe on the roads than they did five years earlier, according to the 2010 Traffic Safety Culture Index Report. Of the study's 2,000 respondents, 26 percent cite general cell phone use as a cause of their unease, and 12 percent specifically mention text messaging. However, 24 percent of those surveyed also admit to texting or emailing while driving.

Despite the danger that technology presents to drivers, the number of fatalities caused by traffic accidents is actually decreasing, according to an article posted on MSNBC's website on June 18, 2010.

The federal government announced in March 2010 that the occurrence of highway deaths fell nearly 9 percent from 2009. The fatality rate was the lowest since the government began tracking

the data in 1966. However, the article claims a poor economy may be the main cause, as fewer people are currently driving.

Although texting while driving is a hazard on the road, some young people cannot resist doing it.

Erin Blucker, a senior at Olivet Nazarene University, admits that she is guilty of texting behind the wheel. Although she tried to stop for about a week, Blucker says she could not break the habit.

"At this point, I [text while driving] but I try to be extremely

aware of my surroundings while I text," she says. "Maybe it's hypocritical, maybe it's unsafe, but I guess most people who text while driving – including myself – think that they can manage it."

Sophomore Kaitlin Loos confesses that she texts while driving, but only on streets that are not highly populated with vehicles.

"Occasionally I'll text when I'm on a back or country road [near] my house," she says.

Other students do avoid breaking this law.

Junior Greg Hoekstra says he typically does not text while driving, simply because "it's illegal." However, he does not condemn those who do.

"I think it's OK for people to use their phones while driving, because people are crazy drivers no matter what."

Chelsea Winn, who graduated from Olivet in December of 2010, says she doesn't text and drive because she lacks the ability to multitask.

"I'm not coordinated enough," she admits good-naturedly. "I

have enough of a problem texting and walking at the same time."

Although the texting ban has been in effect for over a year, it does not seem to be enforced.

Interim Bourbonnais police Chief Greg Kunce says he is "not aware of a single citation" that the department has handed out since the law took effect. However, he admits violations of this law are "more common than we are able to determine at this point."

Kunce says an officer can pull over a driver with "probable cause," or reasonable suspicion

that a crime is occurring. He said that if a person is guilty of texting while driving, an officer could issue a fine of \$120.

Brian Woodworth is an assistant professor in the Department of Social Work and Criminal Justice at Olivet Nazarene University and a certified lawyer in the state of Michigan.

He earned his Juris Doctorate, or legal degree, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1999 and spent four years dealing with traffic cases before returning to his alma mater, Olivet.

Woodworth asserts that the cost for texting while driving can go beyond a mere citation.

"When you have a violation on the road of the vehicle code, that gives police automatic probable cause. Almost all vehicle codes are written that allow for an officer to arrest you for violation."

However, he claims that most officers would rather issue a citation than arrest a traffic violator.

"Too much paperwork involved," he explains matter-of-factly.

Woodworth believes that current college students text because they think they are "invincible."

"Especially since you've just been released from 18 years of prison with your parents – who've been telling you that you're doing things wrong the whole time – you have a mindset that 'I can do it,' 'I can do it my way,' and 'I can do it right.'"

Woodworth adds that, although he somewhat agrees with that perspective, "there's a reason they make laws." Enough people have been injured from texting while driving that a law was necessary to keep people safe, he says.

In spite of the risks, teenagers and college students are still pushing buttons, worried that silencing their phones during a quick drive to Wal-Mart will destroy a relationship or make Grandma mad. And since local police officers are not issuing citations, they have no intention of stopping.

So is a billboard with *Rest Area = Text Area* really going to make people put down their phones? A more appropriate message may be *Warning: Danger Zone*.

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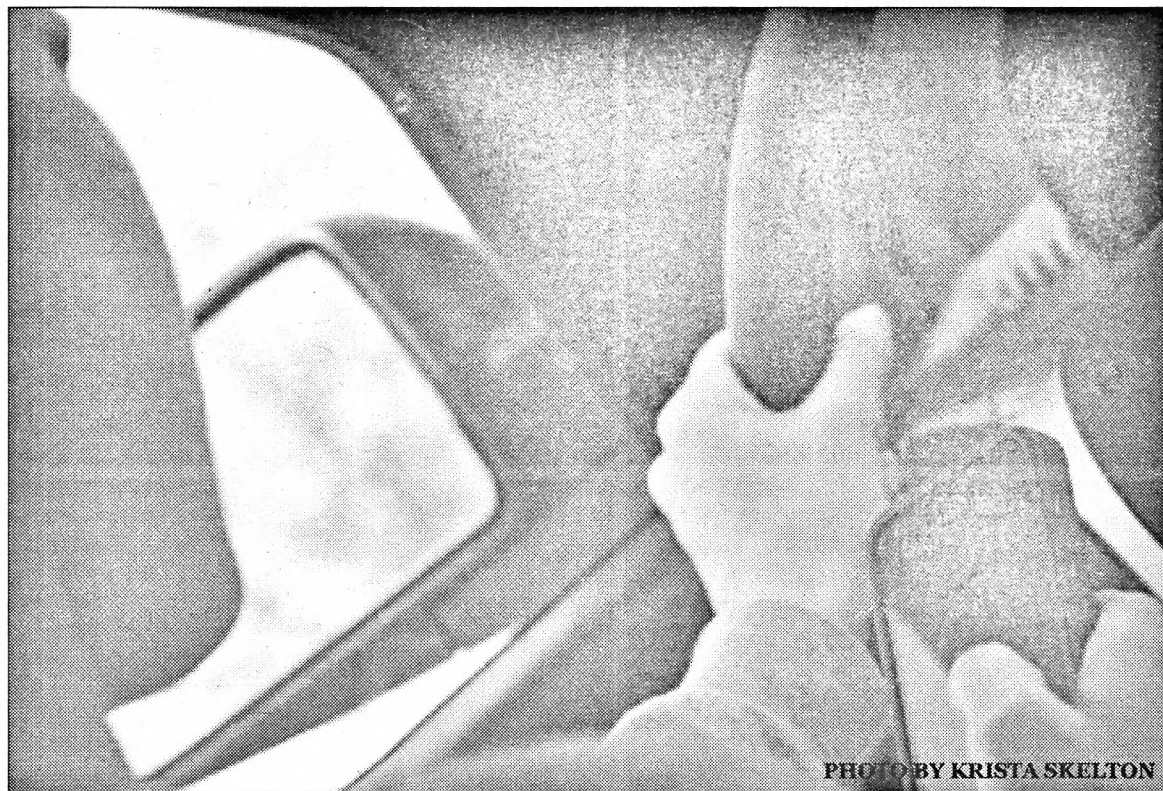


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It is illegal to text and drive in the state of Illinois. That does not stop citizens or Olivet students from committing this crime, however.

Claborn and Van Dyke at it again

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If the Capitol Hill Gang (CHG) debate had any impact on the national argument, marijuana would be legal nationwide.

CHG held its annual spring debate on Tuesday, April 5. Two teams of five people presented facts, statistics and anecdotes to raise awareness about legalization of marijuana in the United States.

"It was shocking – beyond shocking – to see how much support the pro team had," senior Brett Carmouché, CHG President, said.

Carmouché was also surprised when biblical literature professor Howard Van Dyke stepped into Wisner Auditorium wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt and a Rastafarian hat with dreadlocks pulled back in a ponytail.

"When he walked in, I cracked up," Carmouché said. "I thought it was the most hilarious thing that has ever been done at a debate."

It may have been out of the ordinary, but Van Dyke always has a purpose for his wild behaviors.

"He actually had a really good purpose for it – demonstrating the stereotype of the person who smokes marijuana," junior Ryan Dykhousé, CHG Chief of Staff, said.

Dykhousé and Van Dyke were both panelists this semester. Van

Dyke was accompanied by sophomore Annie Atwater, senior Brock Johnson, sophomore Matt Logan and freshman Eddie Saliba on the pro team. Dykhousé debated for the con side with political science professor Dr. David Claborn and sophomores Matt Van Dyke, Zach Bishop and Jessica DiSilvestro.

No winner was officially chosen after the debate ended. Carmouché said choosing a winning side is not important to these debates because CHG only wants to educate the students of Olivet. CHG does not submit results to anyone or any organization to add to the national debate, so a winner is irrelevant.

"It was obvious who the audience supported," Dykhousé said. "If you went to the debate, you know who won."

Dykhousé said the pro team won because they had "better lines of debate."

"The pro side definitely had a lot of information on enforcement and how much it costs," he said. "Annie Atwater had a lot of good points on the racism inherent in the enforcement of marijuana and how the African American community especially is discriminated against ... Brock Johnson made some good, more philosophical arguments about how prohibition can lead to misuse and abuse of marijuana."

With such a heated topic, the audience was getting fired up. It



Capitol Hill Gang held its annual spring debate on Tuesday, April 5. Two teams of five presented their case for or against the legalization of marijuana. Professors Dr. David Claborn (left) and Howard Van Dyke (right) each argued a side.

may have been a little too much, however.

"At times I thought it was a bit rude, because [the audience] was so loud and there was a lot of commentary that wasn't necessary," Carmouché said. "But you know what, that's what it's all about. People don't come to Capitol Hill Gang debates for the formal debate society rules and timing, they come for the excitement, for the feisty argumentation between

someone like Howie Van Dyke and Dr. David Claborn."

The topics for both the fall and spring debates were chosen at the beginning of the fall semester. The fall debate covered the issue of religious freedom and was chosen because of the issues surrounding the Westboro Baptist Church during that time. Westboro was in the news at the end of 2010 because of their extreme anti-homosexual protests.

The spring debates do not usually focus on such an important and newsworthy topic. This debate was "loosely based" on Proposition 19, the initiative in California for the legalization of marijuana in that state, according to Dykhousé.

The debate continues on this issue all over the United States. CHG held this debate to inform ONU students so that they may be a more knowledgeable body in the debate for or against legalization.

Spreading the word of injustice

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Human sex trafficking is a form of slavery that exists in all corners of the world.

Juniors Michelle Booker and Kate McGill wanted to start a campaign that would bring awareness to sex trafficking. Booker went to Jennifer McClellan, Mission-In-Actions coordinator, to begin the campaign but was told it needed to be through an organization already established on campus. Booker then went to sophomore Taylor Polatas, co-leader of Heart 4 Missions, with her idea.

Booker, McGill and Polatas started the campaign by organizing a Facebook event for March 24-25 to notify the student body. They set up a table in Ludwig where students could take a picture with a sign that said "Slavery Still Exists."

The pictures could then be posted as profile pictures on March 27 to raise awareness about human sex trafficking through the Polaris Project.

The Polaris Project, which is named after the North Star that guided slaves toward freedom along the Underground Railroad, is a leading organization in the

United States working to combat human trafficking. It serves both U.S. citizens and foreign victims, according to polarisproject.org.

Polatas said they took over 250 pictures with some having multiple people in them. The basic idea was to flood Facebook for a day to raise awareness of the issue.

"After we took all the photos and tagged people, we suggested that they add a caption with a fact or statistics or link to a website

like love146.org or notforsale-campaign.org," Polatas said.

Polatas found two cool things about this event.

"First, some people didn't even know what human trafficking was so it raised awareness. Second, I came into contact with so many people who have a heart for human trafficking and whose majors fit into going into organizations like love146 to help end human trafficking," Polatas said.

Sophomore Rebecca Rodeheaver was one of the many that participated.

"I want to help increase awareness about the injustice that still exists worldwide. The worst of it is that they do not even have a voice with which to cry for help. So I want to be a voice for their cause," Rodeheaver said. "It's so much more than holding a sign and having that picture on Facebook."

In addition to Heart 4 Missions, Olivet's chapter of International Justice Mission, a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery and other oppressions, is hosting "Change for Chains" April 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Warming House. Students are encouraged to bring loose change that will be used to rescue victims of slavery.

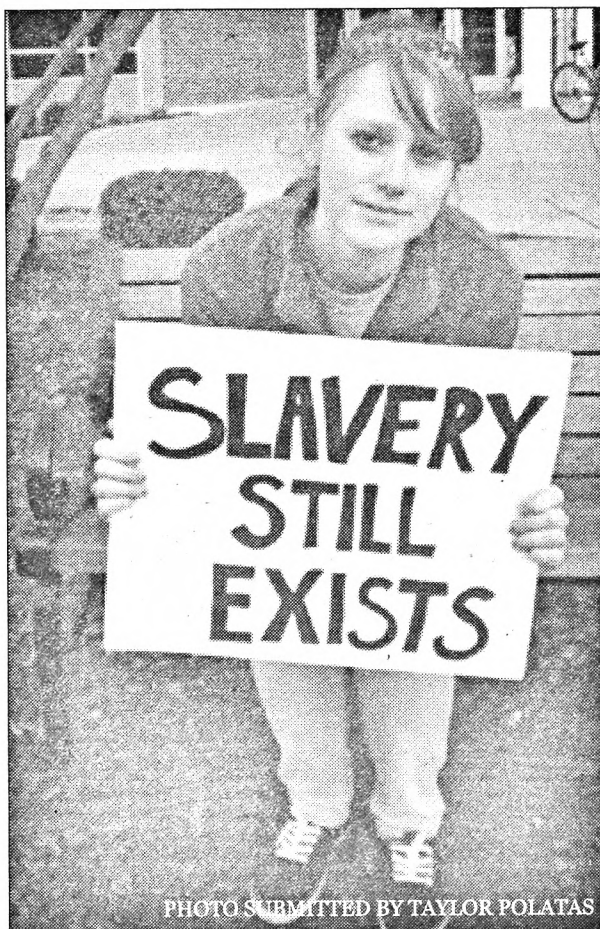


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Taylor Polatas raises awareness of slavery.

24-Hour prayer for Lent season

Week long Resurrection reflection in Prayer Room

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Lent is a season where the Olivet community is encouraged to reflect on the days of Christ leading up to the Resurrection. In church services, pastors go through the Gospel readings of Matthew, Mark and Luke to gain an understanding of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Rose Prayer Room in College Church is undergoing a new transition: Preparing for a week-long 24 hour prayer event. Senior Cara Sunberg has spoken with Pastor Kendall Franklin, senior pastor of College Church, about creating a weeklong 24-hour prayer event before Easter. Sunberg has created a sign-up sheet online that will be posted to the college church website at: <http://signupgenius.com/go/24hour11>.

Sunberg thought it would be fun to have places around the prayer room to help people walk through the lent season. She found a website that had a good idea to help people focus in prayer in the room. There will be six stations in the room and each

will have a different focus.

Station 1: The Lord's Supper. Take communion and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. Station 2: The Garden of Gethsemane. Pray for the overwhelmed that God would give them strength. Station 3: Jesus before the Sanhedrin: prayer for the leaders of this world and those who are persecuted for their faith. Station 4: Jesus is denied by Peter. Write your sins on a piece of paper, give them to God, then rip up the paper and throw it away. Station 5: Jesus' Death; Reflect on its imagery as if you are there. Station 6: Jesus' burial; finally, ponder on the sacrifice of Christ.

Sunberg also meets with other student leaders monthly that are involved in the Rose Prayer room to discuss new ideas.

Sunberg and Jordan Bergren, Vice President of Spiritual Life, hopes the Prayer Room will continue to go strong even after they have graduated. Bergren doesn't want the baton to be dropped; he hopes that someone will continue contending for a prayer movement on Olivet's campus.

Building positive influences

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A home is the greatest gift a family could ever receive. A group of Olivet students spends their Saturdays in the community to make that gift possible.

Habitat for Humanity, a new ministry at Olivet, is currently building its second house with the Kankakee Habitat for Humanity in downtown Kankakee.

Students met in the Centennial Chapel parking lot April 2 to build the house's framework. The day was called an "on-campus build" so students could more easily get involved by not having to leave campus. Then everyone joined again April 9 to put the walls up

at the actual building site downtown.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for families in need but who are able to support themselves. "They're for families who are somewhat financially stable, but not enough to buy on their own," said Olivet Habitat for Humanity co-leader Mark Lynn. "We want people to be able to succeed in the house after we're gone."

Students and other community members do the structural work, while professional volunteers take care of mechanical things such as plumbing and electricity.

Even students who have no experience using tools or doing manual labor can pitch in.

"We think everyone has a use. Even if they don't know how to

use a hammer, we help teach them. There is always some job that anyone can do," Lynn said.

The construction normally takes at least eight months to complete, with work halting for winter weather or the students' summer vacation, according to Lynn's co-leader Keri Cannon. This summer the mechanical work will be completed, and students will return in the fall to begin work on the inside of house.

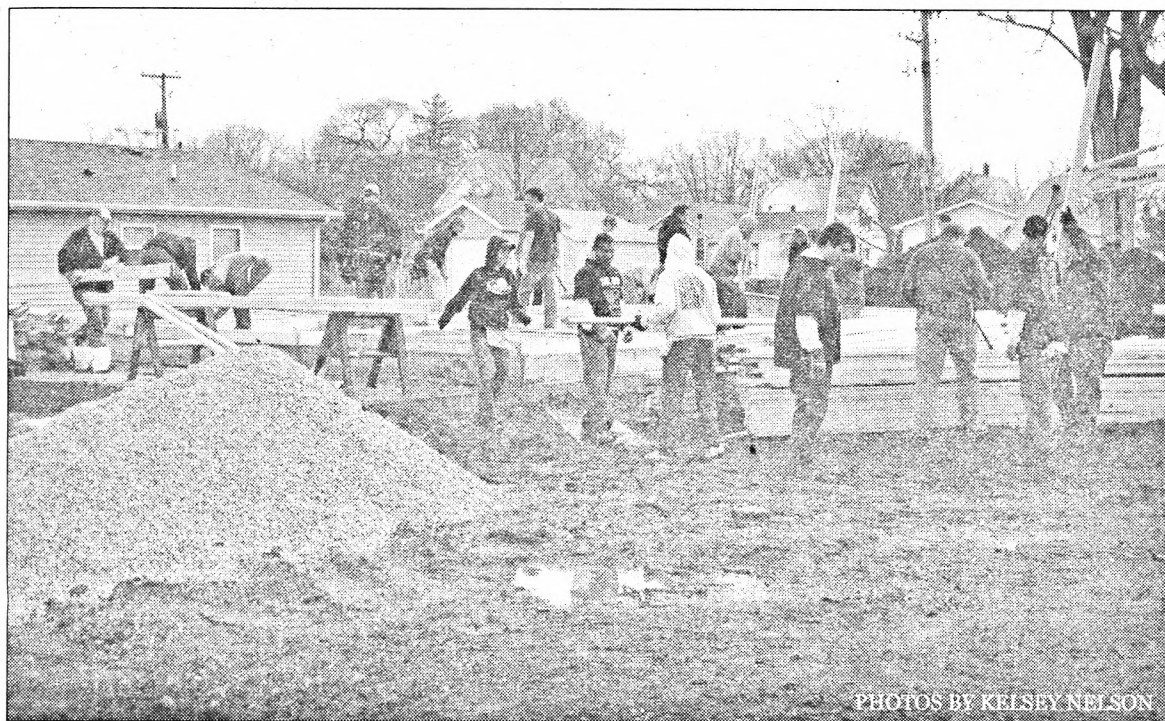
This is the fourth house that Habitat for Humanity of Kankakee has built. Cannon said that the contractors make improvements to the plan of every new home with the experience they gain from each construction.

"They have all the work experience and they volunteer their time

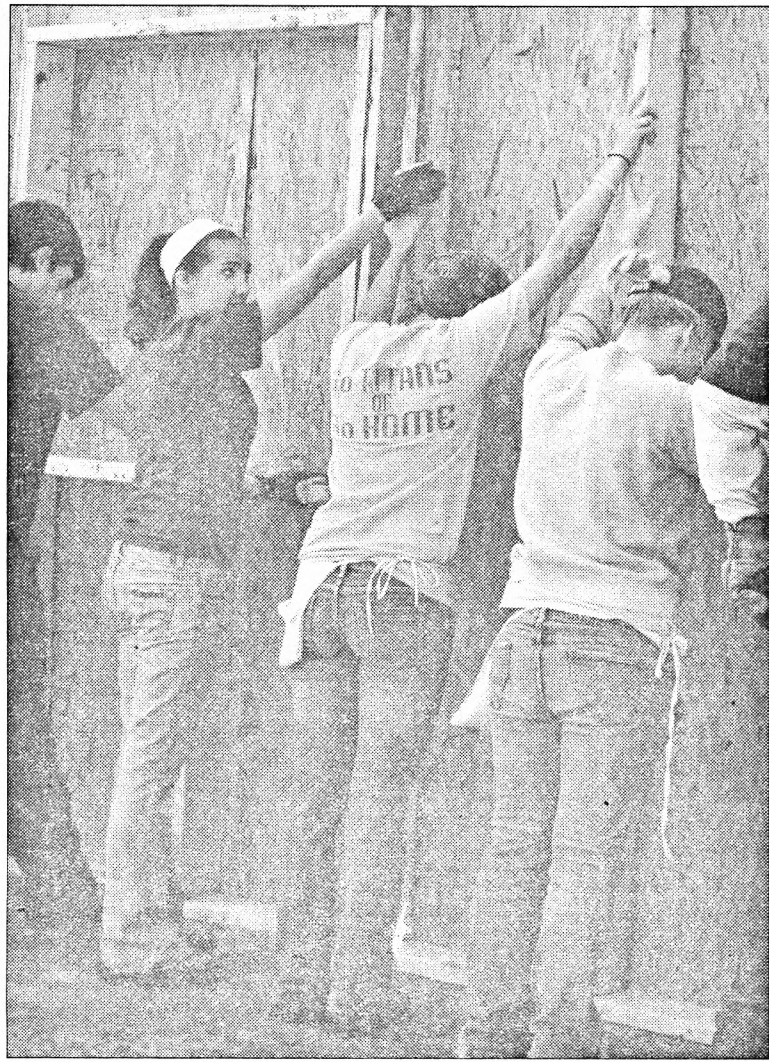
to help," she said.

A fundraiser for Habitat was recently held with proceeds going toward the kitchen cabinets. It also spread the word about Habitat's mission.

"We improve the neighborhood. All the houses are rundown and some have boarded windows," Cannon said. "We give a facelift to one home, and it's a positive influence [in the neighborhood]."



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Habitat for Humanity, a new ministry at Olivet, is building its second house with the Kankakee Habitat for Humanity in downtown Kankakee. Co-leader Keri Cannon (second from left) helps put up a wall.

Embracing student diversity

Multi-Ethnic Relations and MuKappa dedicate a week to culture

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Diversity means something different to each person. To the members of MuKappa and MERC, it is celebrating, embracing, and bringing awareness to the uniqueness of different cultures.

MERC (Multi-Ethnic Relations Club) and MuKappa, Olivet's International Student Association, have joined together this year to host a week dedicated to celebrating this uniqueness. Diversity Week began on Sunday, April 10, picked back up Wednesday April 13 and will end April 16. Each day had its own theme.

Sunday, April 10, there was a dinner in the Warming House for the MuKappa and MERC members. There were two special African dance presentations, poems recited and a glimpse of what members thought diversity meant to them. The dinner was a celebration with food and fellowship.

MERC President Gregory Elijah Bennett described diversity as another tool to bring us closer to God.

Wed. April 13, there was a Di-

versity Expressions event in Common Grounds at 9 p.m. There was a live coffee shop event that was organized by the members of MERC.

"It was meant to be a very casual atmosphere. A live coffee shop," said senior Jacquelyn Owens. There was poetry, duets and many songs throughout the evening. The event ended with a group song led by members from Proclamation Gospel Choir.

Thursday, April 14, MuKappa organized a diversity fair in Ludwig. Each member of MuKappa received the chance to display their country using flags, poster boards, or any specific item that represented their country.

Rebecca Schnurr, MuKappa sponsor, helped make each event a success.

"I just do whatever needs to be done. (Isabella) Bella, president of MuKappa did all the work," Schnurr said.

On Saturday, April 16 MERC will host ONU's Got Talent in Kresge at 7 p.m. This will be their third annual talent event.

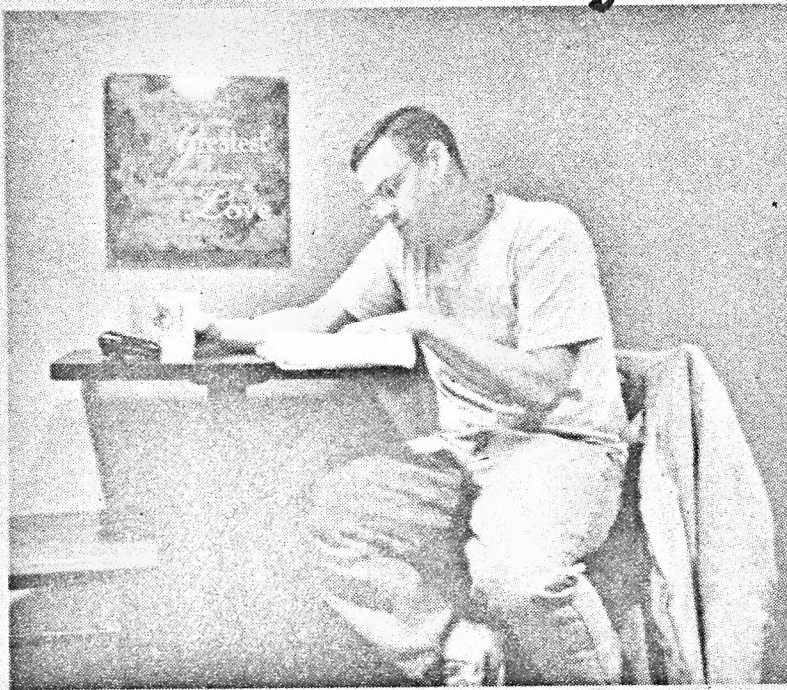
Although this was the first diversity week, Bennett wants to try to do this annually.



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Diversity on campus was celebrated through music and dance during April 10 to 13.

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Students and Faculty Will Miss Van Dyke

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Adjunct professor Howard Van Dyke raises attendance of Capital Hill Gang debates by being on the panel. He has inspired students to audit a general education course, just so they can listen to him speak.

Both the students and faculty of Olivet will miss him when he leaves at the end of the semester.

Some of their lives have been changed by Van Dyke. Sophomore Ashely Desrochers met Van Dyke at her childhood camp in Vermont.

"Howie has had a positive influence on me," she said. "He is often a comic relief and a comforter in times when I have shared worries or burdens."

"He is a big brother figure to me and a lovely friend."

Van Dyke helped freshman Aimee Fish feel more comfortable at Olivet.

"I've known Howie since I was eleven and he worked at my church," Fish said. "He definitely made the transition to Olivet a lot easier."

"Having someone I am comfortable around made college a lot less stressful. Plus Howie has just been so helpful and willing to help me if I ever need anything. He even gave me my first tour of Olivet."

Other students have begun viewing Christianity differently after taking Van Dyke's Christian Scriptures I class.

"Howie has utterly and completely convinced me that God is screaming at us to do no more and no less than love," freshman Hannah Miller said.

"Since he first put me in his class, I have never once left it without being challenged to rearrange my priorities and make time to be there to help people who need it, simply because I am called to and can."

Van Dyke has also changed the views of freshman Logan Long.

"Howie taught me that I really don't know anything when it comes to the scriptures," Long said. "Because of what he taught me I'm eventually going to continue my studies on a masters level, studying the Old Testament specifically"

Students and colleagues describe Van Dyke as passionate, crazy, energetic, odd and loving. Both groups will miss Van Dyke, but are excited to see what God has planned for his life.

"I have mixed feelings about his departure," said Mark Frisius, assistant professor of theology. "I am sad to lose a colleague and friend. However, I am also happy for this new stage in his life, and wish him God's deepest blessings."

Van Dyke has been accepted to Brandeis, a prestigious Jewish research institution, where he plans to do postgraduate work. His acceptance has impressed some colleagues and they believe receiving his doctorate will help make Van Dyke a better teacher.

"I'm thrilled that he has been accepted at Brandeis. This is a strong program and it will prepare him – and position him – for a successful future," said Carl Leth, dean of the school of theology and Christian ministry. "He will be a great teacher and scholar – and make contributions in both roles wherever he goes."

Like his colleagues, students will miss Van Dyke, but believe his change of venue is for the best.

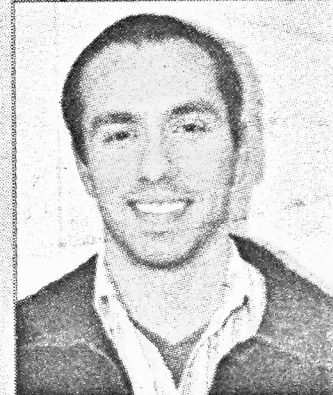
"I think it stinks that Howie is leaving Olivet, but I feel like he was always meant to be in Boston," Fish said. "He has done a lot of great things here at Olivet and touched a lot of people's lives along the way."

"This campus and its faculty and staff love Howard Van Dyke. But Boston really is the best place on earth, and he would agree with me on that."

Nikki Lamb



Kevin Walsh



How has Howie helped you?

"Aside from teaching me things I never knew about the Old Testament (and actually making a difference in my faith) he has become a great friend and someone I know that I can trust and turn to when I need advice, when I need to laugh, when I need to vent, and when I need to question everything that's going on around me."

"Helped open my mind to non-literal ways of interpreting the Old Testament."

How do you feel about his departure?

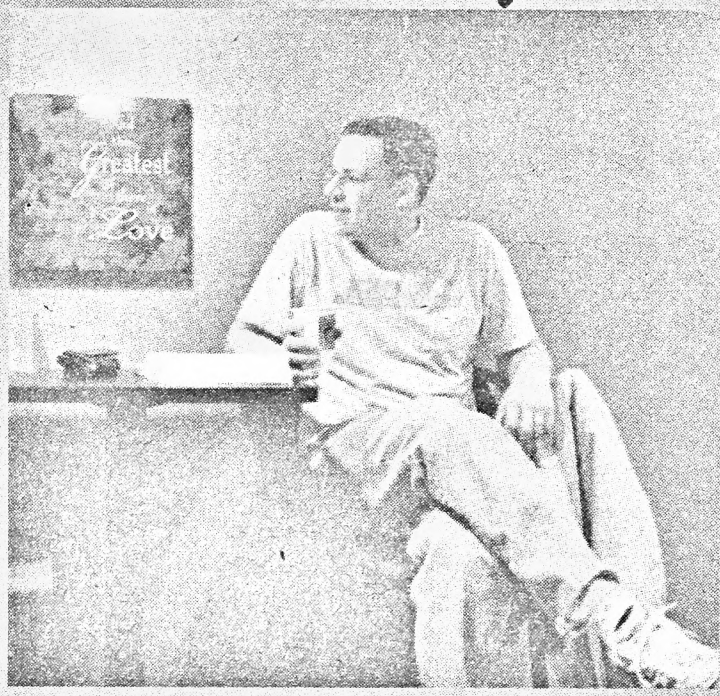
"I am sad for the students who have not and will not ever have the chance to meet him, hear his testimony, and be challenged by his faith."

"Happy for him, but sad to lose him at ONU."

"I think it's sad to have him go, but I think it's good for him to go to Brandeis. I think it's good for him to be studying there and I'll love to see him again."

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Miss you, Howie

Ashley Desrochers



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“I think it will be sad to not have him around. I enjoy seeing him in Ludwig and in Burke. Still, I think it will be good for him to be back in New England studying and such, and I know we’ll love being around his family again.”

Van Dyke’s time at Olivet comes to an end soon

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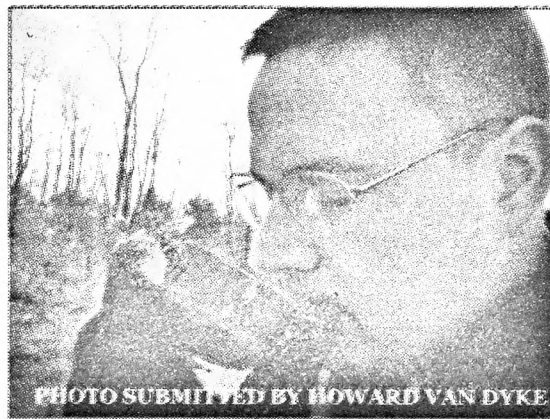


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HOWARD VAN DYKE

He paces up and down his classroom, arms waving frantically. Sometimes he sits on his desk, sometimes he squats on it, and sometimes he stands on top of it.

He jumps, he pleads, he gets right in students’ faces and makes them forget there is a clock, forget about being late for their next class.

When Howie is teaching it is impossible to focus on anything else other than the fact that the dynamic professor will leave Olivet after this semester.

Adjunct professor Howard Van Dyke, affectionately known as Howie to his students, is finishing his last year at Olivet, where he teaches Christian Scriptures I and Hebrew classes.

“I’m going back home to Massachusetts,” Van Dyke said. “I can’t wait. I’m going to lie on the beach all summer and get a tan.”

Van Dyke, who graduated from Olivet before becoming a professor, always knew he would leave the school behind.

“I knew I would go at some point,” he said. “As an adjunct I’m hired per class. Olivet could hire me full time since I have my master’s degree, but that wouldn’t be a smart decision. Universities need PhDs.”

Van Dyke is leaving this semester, because his wife is finishing her master’s degree at Olivet.

“I am now free to go do postgraduate work. I didn’t get my PhD because my wife wanted to get her master’s.”

“After she didn’t complain about all I put her through when I was working around the clock on my degree there was no way I was going to keep her from doing that.”

Van Dyke will do his postgraduate work at Brandeis University, a prestigious Jewish research institution.

“It has the top scholars in my field, and it’s wicked hard to

get into and highly selective,” he said.

Van Dyke is excited to leave the Midwest, an area he complains about to his students.

“I’ll miss the Midwest, but I feel like I’m in exile here. There are no mountains, no beaches, no driving two hours and being in the woods of Maine. There is nothing here. It’s like a big cardboard box.”

Van Dyke said he will miss his students and friends but little else.

“The one thing I’ll miss about the Midwest is Burrito Loco. It’s the best Mexican food I’ve ever had,” he said.

He will also miss Olivet.

“I’ll miss Olivet but nothing in particular. I mean, what am I going to miss? The clock tower?”

There is one thing about Olivet Van Dyke will not miss: the shrubbery.

“No particular reason why I won’t miss it,” he said. “I just won’t.”

During his time here, Van Dyke believes he has made an impact on student’s lives.

“I feel like I’ve made a difference. I don’t know what, though it seems positive.

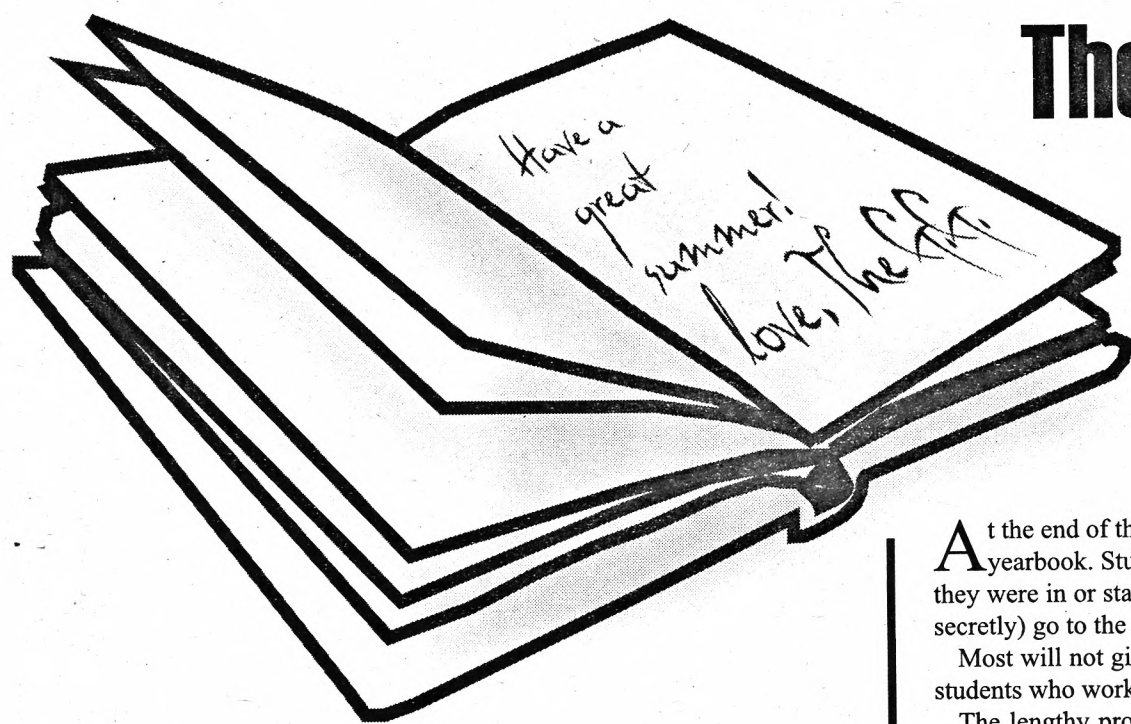
“I’ve built relationships with students other professors can’t. My situation is unique because I went to school here. I went to school with my students’ older brother and had their middle sister in class so I’m able to get inside their lives.

“On a normal Tuesday or Thursday when I don’t have classes I’ll have five or more students stop by with issues who need advice. In that area I’ve made quite a difference.”

Despite his long history at Olivet, Van Dyke does not believe he will return to the school.

“I probably won’t come back,” he said. “I’ll teach. I feel called to teach, but I don’t know. I may end up writing articles or doing archeology. I’ll do whatever God leads me to do.

“My time here has been a ministry and my season here is over. Maybe I’ll join the Peace Corps and pull babies out of the gutter. That would be just like me.”



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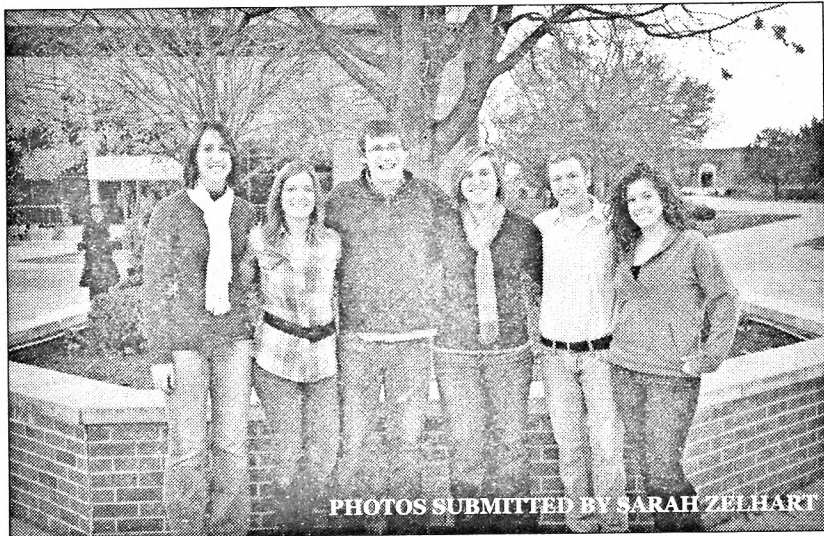
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Aurora Executives



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The executive team of the Aurora staff includes (from left) adviser Amber Olney, senior Alyssa Cramer, junior Brent Brooks, junior Sarah Zelhart, senior Danek Torrey and senior Kayla Koury.

At the end of this month, almost every student will be able to receive their copy of the yearbook. Students everywhere will be flipping through pages, looking for the clubs they were in or staring at that cute student's picture. Many will secretly (or maybe not so secretly) go to the index at the back of the book and find every page that they are on.

Most will not give a second thought, however, to the hours spent by a group of twenty students who worked to put the book they hold in their hands together.

The lengthy process of creating ONU's yearbook begins even before the school year starts. First, the executive editor of the Aurora is appointed during the spring semester. Junior Sarah Zelhart ran the show this year. She will return to the position as executive editor next year as well.

Zelhart has been working on yearbooks for six years now. She started out as a staff member during her sophomore year of high school. Then, she became the editor at Momence High School her junior and senior year and continued that tradition here at Olivet.

After the executive editor is chosen during the spring semester, brainstorming begins.

Zelhart says that she had the idea for this year's book when she got the position in the spring of 2010. She did not set it in stone however, until after she had selected the other editors on her staff and pitched the idea to them as well. She says the book is not hers alone, so she did not want to choose the theme without consulting the rest of her staff first.

The editor positions on the Aurora staff include the head designer, the head writer and the head photographer. Students interested in those positions or any other staff positions applied shortly after Zelhart was appointed. She then made her selections and hired the staff.

"I look for people with yearbook experience as well as creativity and the ability to work with people," Zelhart says.

The staff includes the design team that works on the page layout, the writing team and the photography team. Once the whole staff is hired, the executive team, the three "heads" of each team and Zelhart, continues to come up with ideas. The editors even get together over the summer to attend a yearbook conference with publishers.

Last summer's conference was in Kansas City, Mo. The editors attend workshops to discuss ideas with people from publishing companies.

By the time they come back to Olivet in the fall, the Aurora staff already has the yearbook planned out. They move in two days before the freshmen to attend a staff retreat where they discuss their staff manual and have questions answered.

There is little time for the staff to get situated with the new school year. The photographers and writers begin taking pictures and writing stories on all the back-to-school events. The executive designer finishes making the templates for the pages by September.

Aurora's publisher, Walsworth Publishing Co. out of Marceline, Mo., gives four deadlines throughout the year at which time the staff has to send in a designated amount of pages. The executive editor decides ahead of time what pages should be done for each deadline.

Zelhart required the staff to finish a set number of pages each week before the publisher's deadline so that she could proofread the pages for any overlooked mistakes. She then uploads the pages on Walsworth's website and receives proofs back two weeks later. She takes another two weeks to make extra edits and then sends in the final version.

The final deadline this year was before spring break on Feb. 22.

"Anything that happens after [spring break] just doesn't go in," Zelhart says.

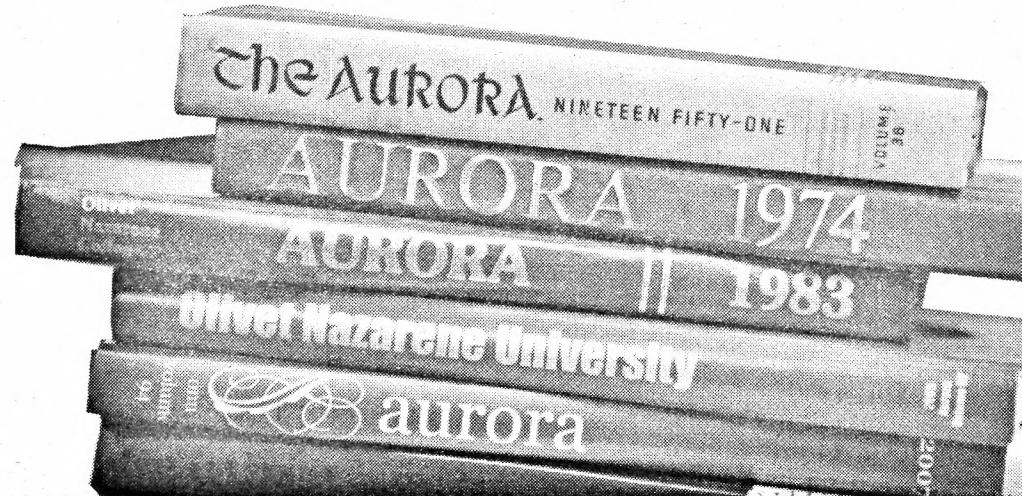
The final event the staff prepares for is the distribution party.

"Last year was the first time we had one," Zelhart says. "It really helped distribution, and it's just a time for students to kick back and relax as they look at the yearbook."

This year's party is in Common Grounds. Sodexo will supply cookies and the Aurora staff will give out candy. There will be live music as well. Last year, University President Dr. John Bowling attended and even signed yearbooks. Zelhart said Bowling will make an appearance again this year as well. The party will be April 27 from 4 to 10 p.m.

Zelhart says that she and the staff spend countless hours working on the yearbook, but their hard work is worth it in the end.

"I just like making something that people are going to keep for years and be able to look back on," she says.



Orchestra to offer scholarships

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With much in store for the musical talents of the incoming freshman this next fall, the professors in the Larsen Fine Arts music department refined the current orchestras with new incentives and new ideas for future prospective students.

Over the years, the music department has not had much success in keeping string players to stay in the department, losing many underclassmen.

"This became a problem as it decreased our number of talented students for our orchestra," said Dr. Neil Woodruff, professor of music and director of the orchestra.

But the department has taken greater steps in bringing forth more students while keeping current ones in the program, allowing them to succeed musically.

One great incentive is Olivet's scholarship offer for new students who join the orchestra and stay in the music program. Due to Olivet's tuition and fees increases, finding additional funds to cover the costs is difficult to come by,

especially in the dampened economy. Woodruff decided to offer 25 more scholarships on top of the ones already instated to help future students attend Olivet, as well as give better encouragement to stay in the program.

Plans are also being made for additional measures for the orchestra program, including a second orchestra group potentially beginning next fall. The new orchestra would ultimately hold auditions for incoming freshmen and train them to improve over the course of their years at ONU within their areas of interest.

The current orchestra will continue to be the main ensemble, although it will likely be renamed the "Symphonic Group." This group will be comprised of the more skilled players and work on more advanced pieces of music, while the new string ensemble will focus on getting students prepared for the Symphonic Group.

Most importantly, the amount in scholarships received will be based off of skills and attendance within the two ensembles.

For prospective, musically gifted students, the new plans to produce larger and more adept orchestras will prove to have much in store next year.

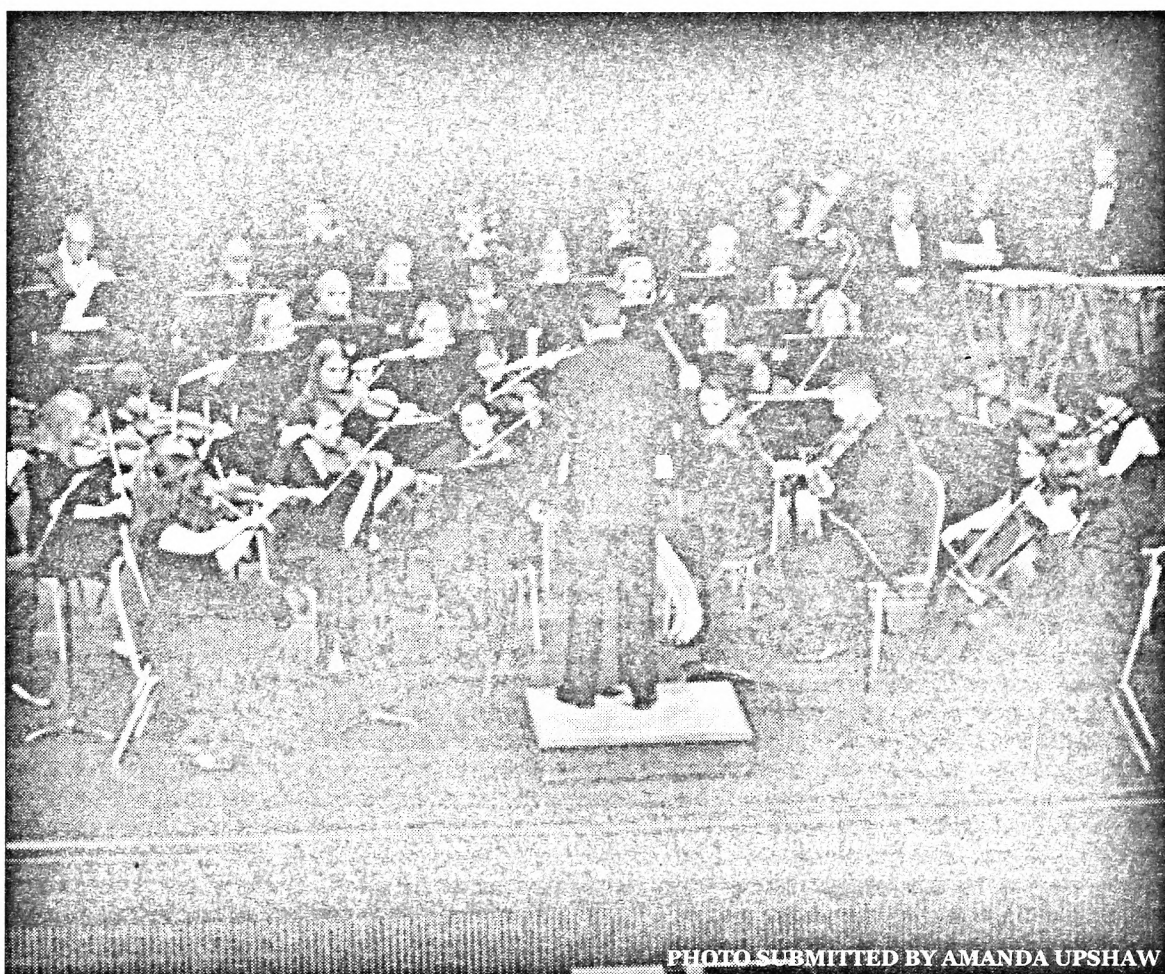
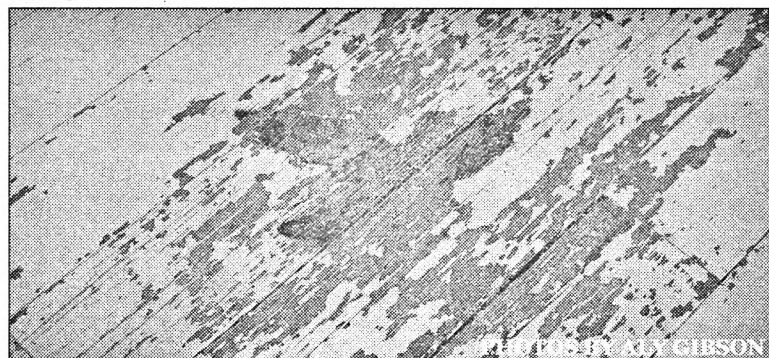
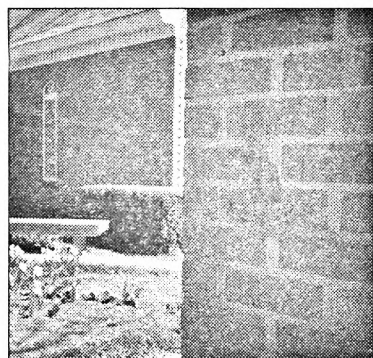


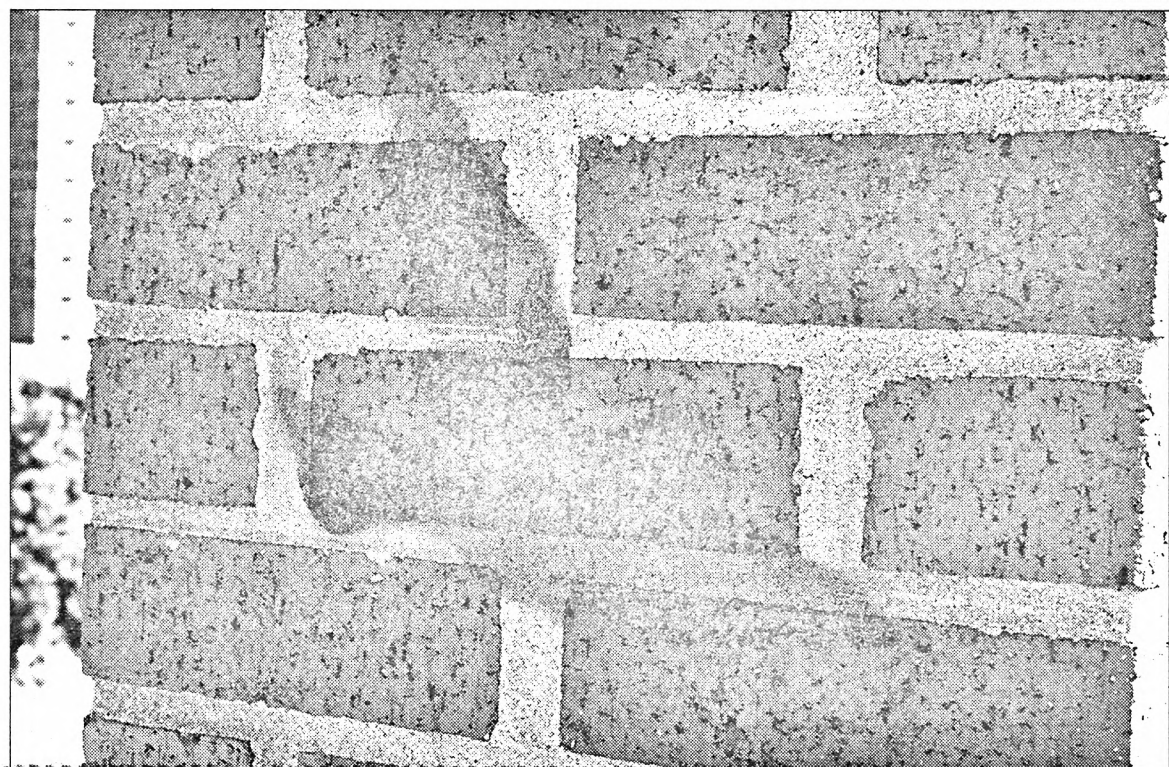
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ONU's orchestra will be welcoming new players by the fall, as well as offering them new scholarships as incentive to stay in the program for all four years. The department also plans to add a new string ensemble due to an influx of students.



Black birds infiltrate: As the grass begins to turn green and flowers begin to bud, various stencils of a black, spray-painted bird in flight have also popped up across Olivet's campus. Dr. Bill Greiner, director of the art department says, "[The bird paintings] are not affiliated with the art department. We're in the black as well, no pun intended."

The bird roosts around campus include the brick columns outside Kelly Prayer Chapel, the floor of the gazebo and a bench located outside Burke.



Nursing student takes on music

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The few. The proud. The organ students.

Kate Hausken, junior nursing major and music minor, is currently the only Olivet student taking organ lessons on campus. Hausken, who began as a piano minor, finished her requirements and decided to take organ lessons for credit, expanding her abilities and gaining more musical knowledge of an instrument similar to the piano.

Hausken started taking organ lessons because the opportunity arose and she thought she would try it out.

"Originally, I didn't have an appreciation for organ before starting," she explained. "The church I grew up in didn't really include organ in the services. But now that I've started, I just think it's an amazing instrument."

Being able to play a specific piece makes Hausken able to relate more to her composer.

"You're never bored playing the organ. It's two hands, two feet, always going," she said.

Hausken's mother enrolled her and her sister in piano lessons when they were young, which led to the fascination with the ivory keys.

"In third grade, I wanted to quit piano, but then you hear the cool, harder pieces that people play and think it's cool," she said.

Hausken noted it has been a

struggle in college for her to have two strong passions, in both music and nursing, yet the timing has been just right to give her the chance to fulfill both loves.

"I tried to stay away from music my first semester and focus on nursing, but I started to get depressed because I didn't have that emotional outlet," she said.

Although, Hausken only gets, on average, four to five hours of sleep, she has found a way to balance all of her responsibilities.

"I set up my own homework station in the room. When I need a break from nursing, I practice. When I'm bored with practice, I do my nursing homework, and when I need to be social, I go grab a drink of water," she explained.

Playing an instrument is a good emotional outlet for Hausken. She enjoys that she can play when she feels happy or sad.

Hausken also plays the piano at Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church in Morris, Ill. She has played every Sunday since August of 2009. She plays during two masses each morning.

"It's really humbling to play every Sunday for a group. It's not that I sing. I play the intro and bring the congregation into worship," she said.

Hausken, while focusing on school now, would love to be able to lead a congregation from the organ in a church someday, putting her talents to use for God in both the medical and musical

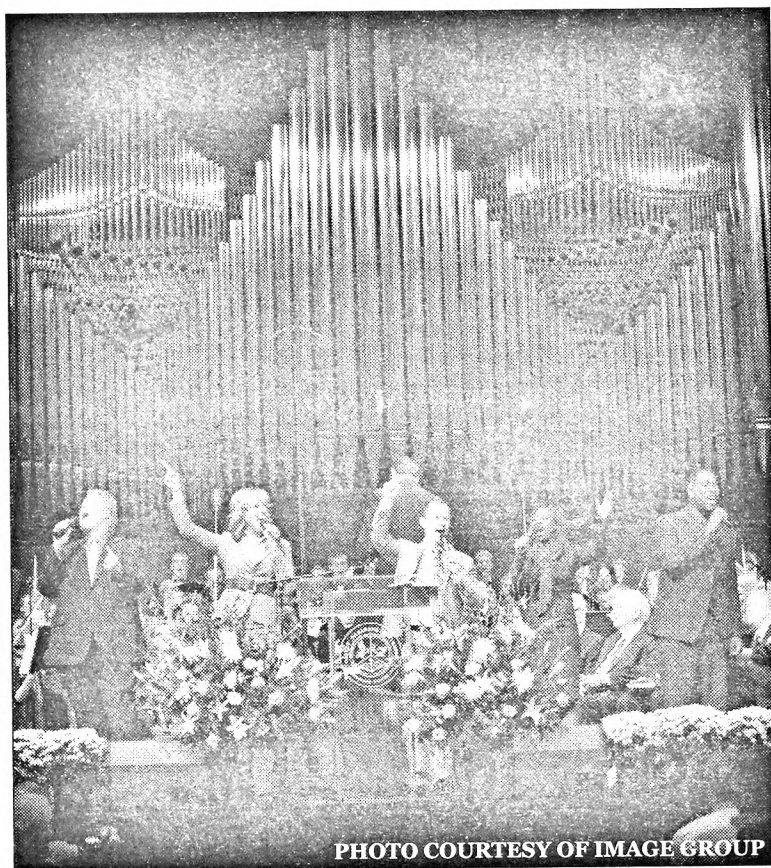


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Current Olivetian member, sophomore Wes Taylor, sang during the Diversity Expressions concert in Common Grounds on Apr. 13 at 9 p.m.

Olivetians induct freshmen singers

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The Olivetians is one of the most well known musical groups on and off the campus of Olivet. Recently the group has undergone a big change; there are seven new members.

The new group is likely to be a little different and not only because less than half of the members are returning from last year. Five freshmen are included in the new lineup: Amber Leffel, Christine Caven, Ben Geeding, David Rice, and Seth Lowery. This means they are likely to be the consistent group for their next three years at Olivet.

Lowery is more than excited to join the group as one of the five freshmen this coming summer and for future years.

"I am really excited to work with such a talented group and to use my talents for the Lord," Lowery explained. "It will be great to have so many people from my class."

Another freshman addition, Leffel, has "grown up hearing [The Olivetians] for years." She feels privileged to travel and sing for the Lord and already feels Him drawing her and closer to Him.

"I am eager to see how He will continue to shape this group in His love," she said.

She considers herself very blessed to be able to take this new journey and is "looking forward to all the ways He will reveal himself."

Though the majority of new members are freshmen, the group will also be inviting sophomore vocal talents into the group: Ashley Raffauf and Kyle Hance. They will also welcome a new sound technician for the group: Ben Cherney, also a sophomore.

Sophomore Allison Wiseman, one of the returning members along with fellow sophomore Wes Taylor and junior Laura Fleschner, is optimistic about the incoming members.

"I'm so excited for the fresh perspective and the new friendships that are going to develop," Wiseman said. "Not only is there a lot of talent coming into the group but there is a spirit of servanthood and a willingness to use their gifts to glorify God."

God works miracles through willing servants and the Olivetians will be no exception. There's no telling what He will do through a ministry group with such talent that reaches so many.

Pennington exhibits works from senior art collection

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Olivet's very own senior Zacari Pennington, also known as just Zac, is a passionate art designer and is very skilled with creating web pages and logos for organizations.

With his talents steadily progressing since he was a child, the ONU student has big plans after graduating with his art degree.

Pennington hails from Morenci, Mich., and has always had a passion for the more artistic things in life. When he first came to Olivet, he did not want to pursue that career though.

"When I first came as a freshman, I majored in political science," Pennington said. "However, after a year, I realized that I didn't like it too much; it wasn't my desire."

Pennington made the change to art after that year and began creating art designs to sell. He worked with many organizations as a freelance artist, making money for school. Eventually he took part in starting the web organization, Awoken Designs, that helps others make web pages and logos for their companies.

Pennington takes great pride in the work he does. He mentioned that the work they produce is clear, human-friendly and on-brand marketing material that strives for pixel perfection, as well as seamless usability and web standards in each project.

Pennington also finds inspiration from other web design artists

who have published their work.

Today's online artists such as Cameron Moll, Matthew Smith and Elliott Jay Stocks inspired him to put his artwork online to view and help companies as well.

During his time at Olivet, Pennington gained much experience with online design and art. He has previously done work with places

such as The Gideon's International, Mahalo.com, and Prophetik.

Pennington, who graduates in May, hopes to form a partnership with UD+M Branding and Marketing Studio as well as become a founder in combining Awoken Designs with UD+M. It would appear the start to his future is already well underway.

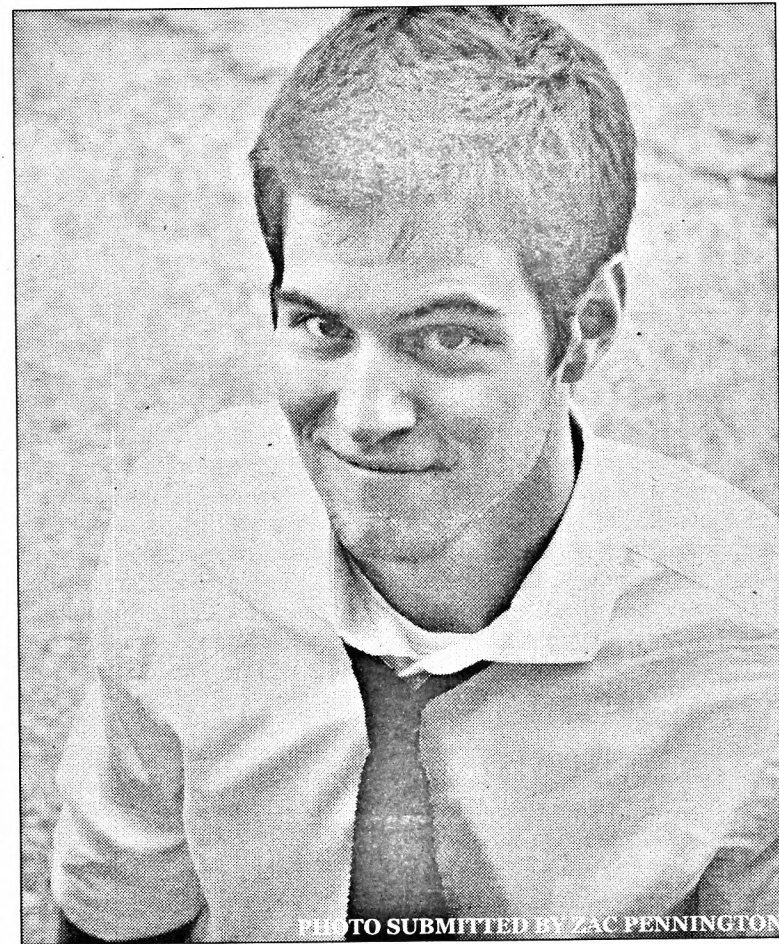


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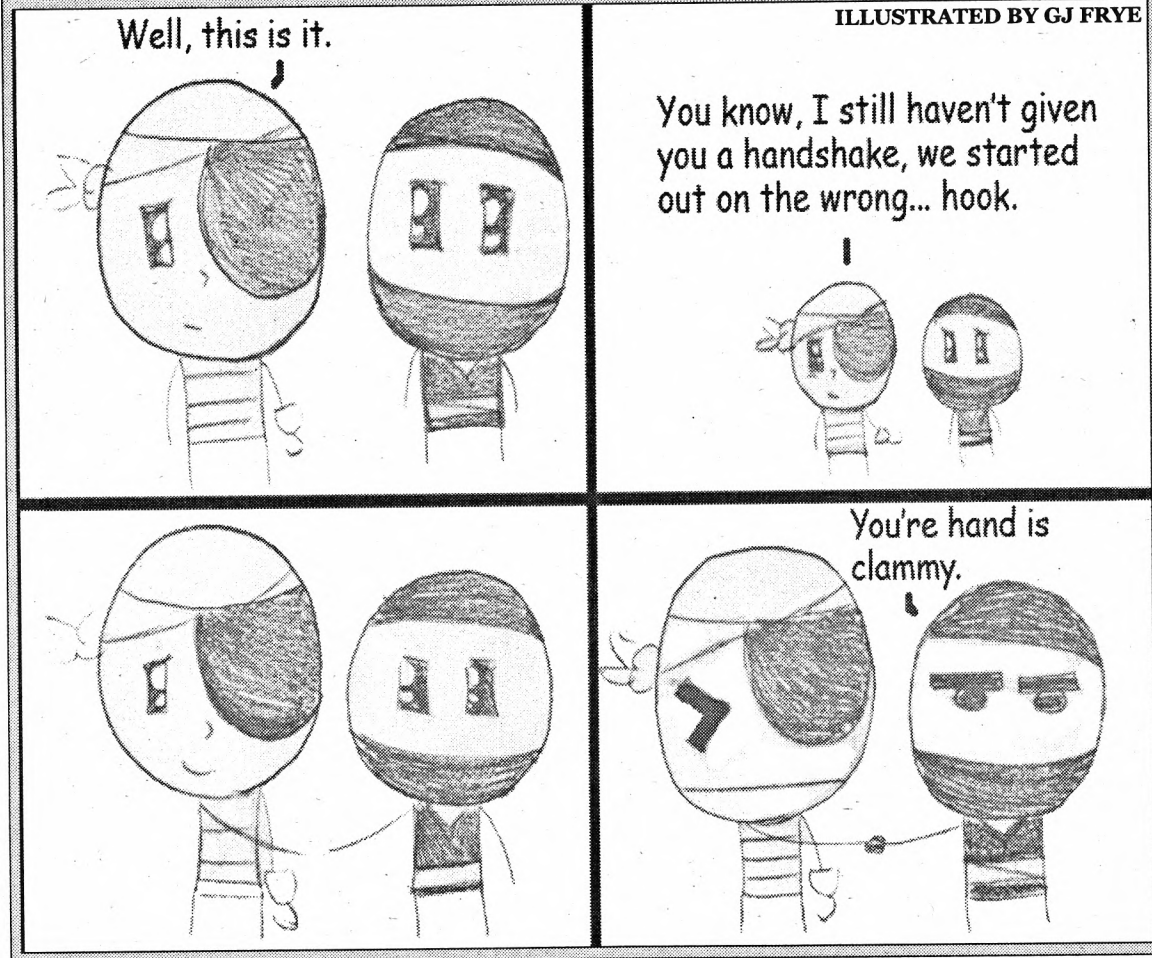
Senior Zac Pennington will graduate on May 7 with a degree in art.

Artist's Corner: Pirate and ninja

In the final installment of the artist's corner, cartoonist and staff writer GJ Frye chronicles the end of his original cartoon about Philosopirate and Phenomeninja, two very common characters who struggle to make sense of their uncanny friendship.

In the final strip, both ninja and pirate say farewell to one another, realizing that while their time together was unconventional, an odd friendship formed. But of course, there are still differences and ninja is not completely sad to be leaving his friend.

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Young actress, Saoirse Ronan, plays a fierce, born-to-kill girl who is out to assassinate a ruthless CIA operative who is out to get her and her ex-CIA agent father, played by Eric Bana. "Hanna" opened in theaters Friday, Apr. 8.

'Hanna' packs quite the punch

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Sometimes all it takes to enliven tired conventions is a fresh perspective. Joe Wright, director of such artsy, thoughtful films as the 2004 version of "Pride and Prejudice" and "Atonement," has used his sophisticated sensibilities to make his own stamp on the action genre with "Hanna." There are not too many radical or new ideas in the film, but Wright's assured direction and some great performances elevate it to something special.

Saoirse Ronan plays the title character; a sixteen-year-old girl raised her whole life in the wilds of Finland by her ex-secret agent father Erik, played by Eric Bana. From infancy, Hanna has been trained to be an efficient, remorseless killer, all in preparation for the day that Erik's corrupt former colleague Marissa Wiegler (Cate

Blanchett) tracks them down. That time has now come, and Hanna embarks on a journey across Europe, dodging government agents and contract killers to assassinate Wiegler and rendezvous with Dad.

The marketing for this movie makes it out to be a Bourne flick starring Hit-Girl, but that's far from the case with this exciting thriller. Wright eschews the shaky-cam technique, instead applying his eye for steady, beautiful cinematography; the same factor that made his previous works such a treat to watch. But he's also learned how to infuse his shots with energy and keep the blood pumping during fight and chase scenes, aided by a terrific score from The Chemical Brothers. The music is a booming industrial-electronica mix that, along with an aggressive sound mix, adds harsh aural punctuation to the actions onscreen.

Craft isn't all that makes this different than a Bourne installment, though. "Hanna" has a good deal on its mind. Ronan is great as always; here she channels her pale, slightly impish look into a character that is essentially a feral child that can think. Hanna has been raised away from the modern world, being told by her father of things like electric appliances and television but never having experienced them herself until now. She's lived in Plato's cave while being told what goes on outside but is still unprepared for what she sees after getting out. The story is really a coming-of-age tale, filtered through fairy tale imagery that is occasionally heavy-handed but overall very effective.

"Hanna" will not quite blow the viewers' minds, but it is a terrifically made piece that is exciting, humorous and tragic at all the right turns. It is one of the first quality films of the year.



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Cate Blanchett, who plays the sinister Marissa Wiegler, is Hanna's nemesis throughout the film.

Diversity week to end with ONU's Got Talent

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A show with a variety of acts, lightning effects and live judges to comment will bring about the penultimate end to the Multi Ethnic Relation Club's (MERC) diversity week.

Different events have enabled students to celebrate their individuality and cultural uniqueness in the week leading up to this final show.

On April 16 in Kresge Hall, MERC will host Olivet's first staged talent show called ONU's Got Talent. According to senior Jacquelyn Owens, the event had a different name to give it a contemporary twist.

"It was previously called 'Star

Search,' but it was decided a more modern named was needed for students to be attracted by the event," Owens said.

Owens stated that ONU's Got Talent will be presented in a similar way to American Idol.

"We will have ten competing acts each perform and four live judges to critique them," Owens said. "Last year the show had dancing, rapping and singing and live judges which made it interactive and a lot of fun."

The show's format will be a performance followed by the judge's critiques.

With planning for the show underway, president of MERC, junior Gregory Elijah Bennett has the job of delegating and issuing criteria for fellow MERC mem-

ber's to execute.

"I have groups selling tickets, a group advertising and another group finding talent and holding auditions, making sure things are done in a timely fashion," Bennett said.

MERC's work to deliver a fun event for students coincides with Bennett's enthusiasm to make it enjoyable.

"This is our baby, and I am passionate about its success. I want to give students a night to really enjoy themselves before they leave for break," Bennett explained. "I always look forward to hosting events - I feel that it is another way to spread God's word and also let people know what MERC is about," he added.

Bennett also said it was impor-

tant to keep campus events fresh for students, a point Owens also touched on.

"ONU's Got Talent will be something different ... something out of the ordinary. Students get to watch their friends perform and enjoy the show," she explained.

Senior Mayra Trejo is one of the contestants and looks forward to the show's opening.

"I feel very, very excited because I have never [competed in a talent show] before," she explains. "I have to say, though, the major reason I'm performing is to have fun, but it wouldn't hurt to win."

Trejo also explained that the event is worth seeing because it's so unlike other concerts and events on campus.

"We do not have very many

events like this one - it will definitely be entertaining. It is just so amazing to see how much talent we have at Olivet," she added.

Undergraduates Katrina Kenney and Hanna Funston will also be performing that night. Mission and Student Ministries' Jennifer McClellan, General Assistant to the Music Department Jasper Taylor, Admissions Counselor LaMorris Crawford and Administrative Assistant for Student Development Nancy Bretzlaff will be ONU's Got Talent's judges giving live critiques of students who perform.

Tickets go on sale at Ludwig Dining Hall and the C-Store from Apr. 13 to the 15. Tickets are \$5, or \$2.50 with a Student Discount Card.

Two more football coaches join staff

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Head football coach Brian Fish hired two more coaches to join his staff next season. Steve Wilt will work as the special teams coordinator and Andy Ankeny will be the defensive coordinator.

Wilt has a total of 21 years of coaching experience from Handley High School in Winchester, Va., Wingate University in North Carolina and Taylor University in Indiana. He also served as an assistant at various institutions, including a two-year run at ONU from 2007 to 2009.

He seems to be pleased with Olivet so far.

"I have been impressed with the quality of people who work here throughout all facets of the university," the new coach said. "I sense that people genuinely care about each other and strive to excel in their work. It has been satisfying to work in the environment that

exists here."

However, Wilt knows that there is still plenty of work to be done on the football field.

"We must continue to grow in team unity and team chemistry. By the time we kickoff for our first game in the fall, I want to see our guys playing instinctive football, competing hard each play and really enjoying everything that is about being a 'team.'"

Ankeny knows the team needs improvement as well. He comes into ONU with 13 years of coaching experience. He previously worked as an assistant coach at Taylor University and East Texas Baptist University and was the head coach of the University of La Verne in California from 2007 to 2010.

"I'm not concerned with the past," he said. "I'm focused on right now and what we need to do to be the best we can be. Our goal is to compete against our best self in all we do: athletically, academically, socially, and spiritually."



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOHN FIGHTMASTER

Freshman John Fightmaster pitches during the baseball team's spring break trip to Arizona.

Tigers split double header

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The Tigers found it tough going into a double header against Illinois Institute of Technology ended with Olivet winning the first game and surrendering victory in the second on April 9.

There were a couple of plush hits notably in the 3rd and 4th innings that were enough for Olivet (15-3 in conference) to win 4-2.

But according to sophomore Matt Davenport it was off day at the plate for the Tigers. Kevin Lasowski, undergraduate, said the team's hitting improved once their line-up had been restarted.

They said defense did a sterling job keeping Illinois sluggers at bay to secure another worthy win with pitcher Casey Mast (7-0) showing good form at the mound.

Inconsistent hitting and missed opportunities from Tigers batters meant they surrendered their win

in game two of the double header against Illinois.

"In the second game we couldn't string hits together and we couldn't move them around" Lasowski said.

Undergraduate Tyler Shore had a notable game as pitcher, but it wasn't enough to stop Olivet conceding defeat by the narrowest of margins.

"We've been playing pretty well in recent game - this was just a bump in the road," Davenport said.

The loss did turn out to be a bump in the road for the Tigers, who currently lead the CCAC North Division. They turned around to defeat Trinity International University in two games on Wednesday, April 13. They beat Holy Cross yesterday, 12-2, and now stand at 23-14. Their next game is tomorrow when they take on Holy Cross again in a double double here beginning at 12:30.



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Junior Jordan Reynolds slides into second base during the a double-header against St. Francis on April 5 at Olivet. The Tigers won both games, 8-1 and 7-2.

A win after a tough battle

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A single in the bottom of the seventh from Bethany Holaway gave ONU a dramatic win against Trinity Christian College on April 9.

"Winning those kind of close games feels good" Holaway said, "It was an exciting game - both teams were fighting hard."

Lauren Johnson got a single to tie the game at 3-3 then Holaway

struck the ball that allowed Johnson to run in and make Olivet come away from the game victorious.

"The game went really well, although hitting could have been better - we played well at the right times to get the win," Holaway said.

The Lady Tigers split a double header with Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) on Tuesday but then lost to rival St. Xavier yes-

terday to fall to 36-10 and 8-4 in conference play.

In the NAIA poll that came out on April 12, the team jumped three spots to 13 following their win against Trinity Christian. It is the highest ranking for the team this season. The Lady Tigers are also currently second in the CCAC, right behind St. Xavier.

This weekend they will travel to Mishawaka, Indiana to play in the Bethel College Tournament.

Hair to dye for

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Brandon Streets first grew his beard out with his roommate and fellow teammate, former Olivet basketball player and alumni Josh Bronke, last year for a couple months during the 2009-2010 season. When he tore his meniscus during preseason last September, he began to grow his beard out again at the prompting of his teammates. He continued to grow it out when he returned

to the court and even when he joined his baseball teammates in late March.

Now the redshirt junior forward and pitcher is taking his beard to a whole new level.

"I grew my beard out. Then, naturally the next thing to do was braid it," Streets said. "It seemed logical to me."

Streets allowed senior women's basketball player Simone Coburn have the honor of weaving five tiny braids amid the coarse, black hair on his chin last Friday.

"Before I braided it, I kept

thinking, 'I can't believe I'm going to braid Streets' beard," Coburn said. "He's the first beard I've ever braided... I wasn't sure how I was going to do it."

Nevertheless, ten painful minutes (according to Streets) after Coburn started, Streets' facial hair was braided.

During the following Saturday and Sunday, Streets had a baseball game, visited friends, and went home.

"I got a lot of looks of curiosity [from opposing baseball players]," he said. "After the game, my dad came up to talk to me. I was waiting for him to say something about it but he didn't. But my mom was legitimately upset."

Senior Tara Schmidt was not a fan of the braids either.

"I think I'm gonna throw up," she said upon seeing a picture of his braided beard.

While Streets said he loved the braids, by Sunday his hair was feeling unclean and getting frizzy and itchy. So Streets took the braids out but said he would have it braided and tie it off a few more times, and that he would bleach then dye the tips red at some point as well.

When asked why he wanted to dye the tips red, Streets said, "No reason. I just thought it'd look cool."

Streets and other beard-admirers think it looks cool, but he said head baseball coach Todd Reid does not completely agree, saying that he would have to shave his beard off if the team made it to a national tournament.

"He doesn't want us looking like hoodlums when we travel and represent the university," Streets said.

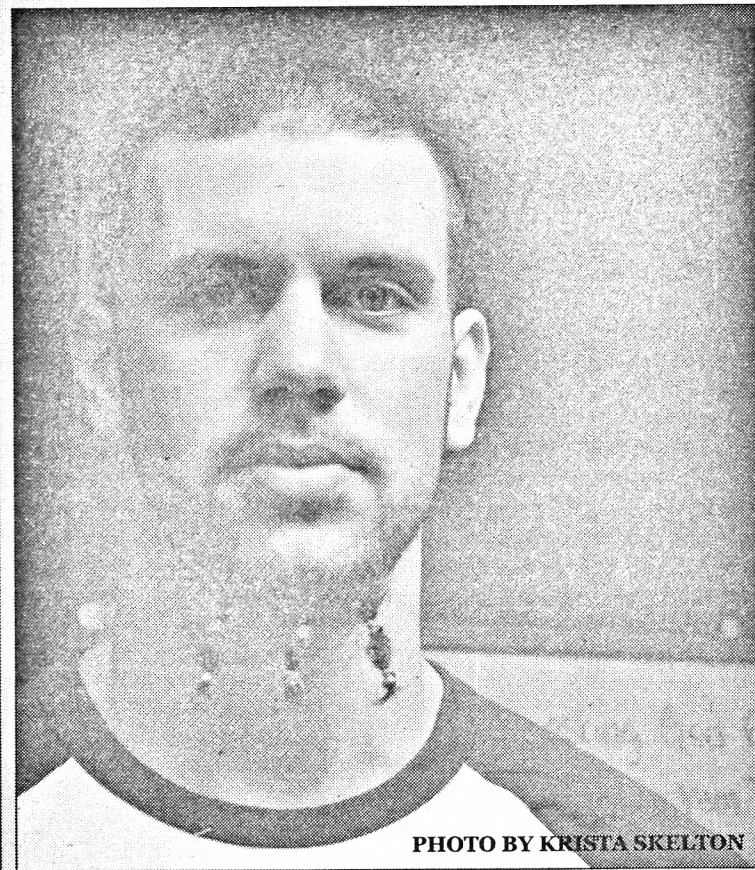


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Redshirt junior Brandon Streets began growing his beard last fall during his preseason for basketball. This spring he is getting creative with it for baseball.

Putting the 'fight' in Fightmaster

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Jonathan Fightmaster. You may think his last name is a joke. What kind of name is Fightmaster? It sounds like it could possibly be the stage name of a WWE wrestler.

But it is not a joke or the name of a wrestler.

"People comment on it all the time, especially when I first meet them," Fightmaster said. "My favorite from girls is, 'John, I'm going to marry you for your last name.'"

While they may initially just want to marry him for his name, girls might have more reasons to marry him after getting to know him. Fightmaster, a freshman out of Bourbonnais-Bradley Community High School (or "BB" as Fightmaster calls it), is a pitcher for Olivet's baseball team. Not only that, but that actuarial science major had a 4.26 GPA in high school and had a 3.8 in his first semester at Olivet, making the Dean's List.

Baseball has almost always been a part of Fightmaster's life. He began playing when he was four years old.

While he played soccer, football

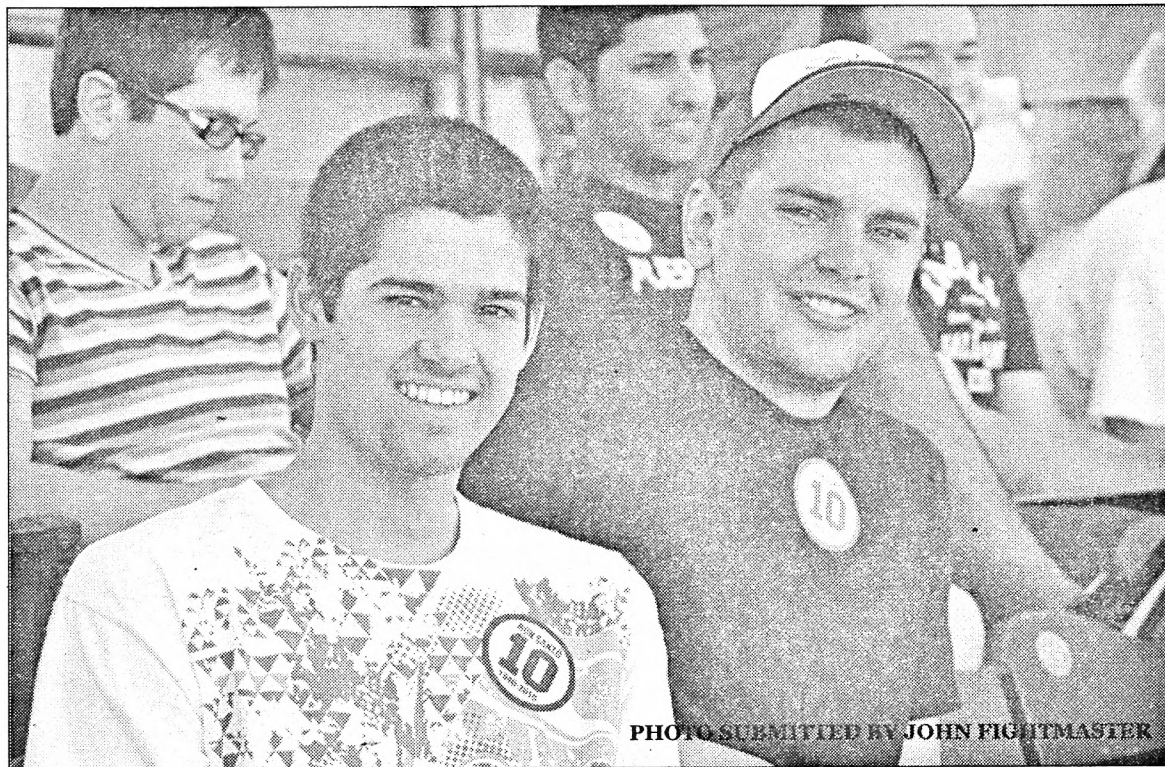


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Freshman pitcher John Fightmaster (right) sits with fellow freshman teammate Jeff Victor at a Chicago Cubs spring training game over spring break. The baseball team travelled to Arizona to play ten games.

and basketball, baseball was the only sport he stuck with all four years in high school. He played every position but eventually settled on pitching.

"I like the pressure," he said

of pitching. "It makes me think more."

Fightmaster said that he enjoys applying his mind, whether it is through the mental aspect of baseball or learning in the classroom.

"I like to learn," he said. "It's always good to learn something new."

One thing Fightmaster is learning is golf. Because it is an individual sport, he said it is easier for

him to try to get better at.

"I try to play as much as I can, especially in the summer," Fightmaster said. "I'm not very good though."

Fightmaster enjoys playing golf but also enjoys watching it, even more than other sports.

"[Baseball] is boring to watch," he said. "Golf is a lot more interesting to me."

One thing Fightmaster has always found interesting was coming to Olivet. His father, Tony Fightmaster, is the director of church relations at Olivet. Almost his whole family came to Olivet, including his two older brothers, both of whom played football here.

"It was just embedded in me that I was coming here," Fightmaster said. "My parents always wanted us to come at least one year."

Even though he may not have had much of a choice, Fightmaster said that he likes being at Olivet and does not plan on leaving.

"I love my teammates and my friends," he said. "I like living on campus and just being able to go down the hall to hang out, rather than having to call friends up and drive somewhere."

Maybe he will be able to find a Mrs. Fightmaster at Olivet, too.

Golf ready to tee off with the CCAC

Men's team will head to conference next weekend

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While they may not be the most well known sport on campus, the ONU men's golf team is ready to represent the school in the conference tournament next weekend. This spring is the second season for the team this academic year, the first of which lasted from September 1 to October 2 of 2010.

"We have had an up and down season so far this year," said head coach Bryan Hyma.

The team's best finish during its fall season was at the University of St. Francis (Ill.) Fall Classic, where they placed seventh out of 23 schools. So far this spring the team has only played in two meets. They placed eighth out of ten teams March 28 and 29 at the Trevecca Nazarene University Invitational in Tennessee and took sixth out of 11 teams at the Augustana College Invitational last weekend.

Though they may not have had an outstanding fall season, Hyma is focused on working to have a more successful future.

"We have some great potential with our guys, and I am

hoping that they can play up to that potential," Hyma said. "Our goals have always been to win our conference tournament and move on to the NAIA National Tournament. We also want to finish the season stronger than we started."

Hyma took the head coaching position in 2008. He joined the Olivet staff as a full-time faculty member 2001, working in the Exercise and Sport Science department serving as the director of the Athletic Training Education Program.

Two key golfers for the Tigers have been sophomore Andrew Woodhull and senior Matt Compton. Both finished in the top ten at last year's first ever CCAC men's golf tournament, and they have continued to lead the team throughout tournaments in the fall and spring seasons this year.

The Tigers' next tournament is the Bethel College Invitational in South Bend, Ind., beginning today and running through tomorrow. Next weekend they will head to the CCAC Tournament at Balmoral Woods Golf Club in Crete, Ill. to play for a chance to qualify for the NAIA national tournament at the end of May.



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The Ozone program's purpose was to improve attendance at home games. The program did just that by creating a social event for the students and community through sports. Ozone fans pictured above cheer on the volleyball team.

Ozone scores successful year

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While the ozone layer is gradually being depleted on Earth, the "O-zone" layer at Olivet has never been stronger.

Women's Sports Information Director and assistant softball coach Amanda Jensen designed the "O-zone" program to curb the low attendance at home games and draw pride to Olivet through sports.

Jensen made a decision to start her program with no funding from Olivet. Throughout the entire program this year she has operated from her own budget.

Taking that chance worked.

In the past, Olivet sports drew small crowds at home games, even when the teams performed well.

All of that changed after "O-zone" was released, and fan attendance has never been higher, according to Jensen.

The benefits "O-zone" gave this year to each buyer included coupons, gift card drawings, giveaways, and eligibility for skill contests at games to name a few.

Jensen made the program so that students and community members could rally around ONU athletics and the Tigers.

"I wanted to create this for students, the staff, and the community members so they can be a part of the University and have a deeper connection with Olivet," she said.

During the men's and women's basketball season, McHie Arena was consistently packed with cheering fans and community members, many of whom were sporting "O-zone" shirts.

"O-zone" members also added fan buses during the volleyball and soccer seasons to follow the teams at away games, Jensen said.

Even University President Dr. John Bowling made a few appearances during the basketball

season, coming to McHie with an "O-zone" T-shirt over his suit.

Jensen said support has been tremendous for her program.

"I have had coaches and players from every sport share their appreciation for O-zone," she said. "They say the fans really affect the momentum of the game."

Jensen said she has received many e-mails from players as well who have thanked her for helping draw in a crowd.

The energy for "O-zone" is apparent and Jensen said she plans to bring the program back next semester with an even broader purpose.

Jensen is currently working on spreading "O-zone" to other ONU events next semester, such as concerts, art shows and others.

"The ties O-zone has started are great to see and we can expand off of it. It has created a social event for our students and it has brought the community to Olivet through our sports."

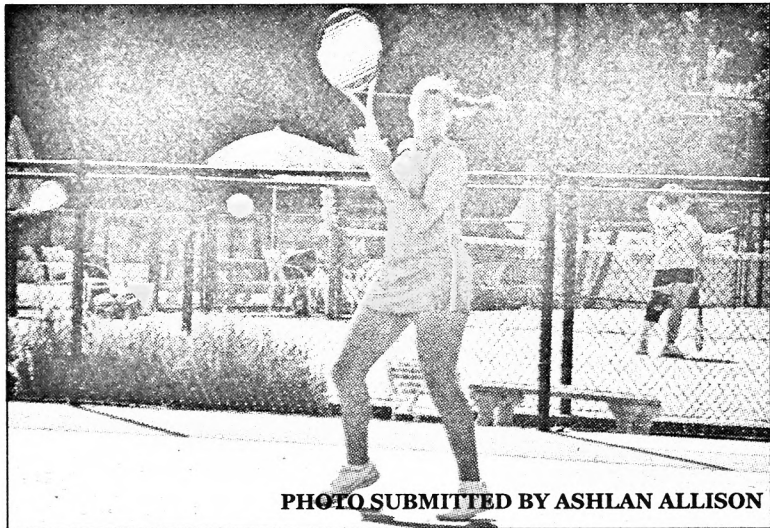


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Senior Erica Engelbrecht competes on spring break.

Tennis: better than ever

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The tennis teams are exceeding the high expectations they set for themselves at the beginning of the spring season.

Both the men's and women's teams were ranked in the latest NAIA polls that came out on April 5. The men were voted to the 17 spot while the women were ranked 14, the highest they have ever been in school history, according to senior Erica Engelbrecht. In the current NCCAA rankings, the men are first while the women are second.

The women, who now stand at 15-1, had previously not even been receiving votes in the poll, but made their huge jump after defeating rival Indiana Wesleyan on March 31. Indiana Wesleyan was ranked 14 at the time and the Lady Tigers had never beaten them before.

"It was exciting," Engelbrecht said.

While the men have not faced as quality of competition as the

women, they did face a challenge in their last two matches against NCAA Division 1 University of Chicago as well as 14-ranked Aquinas College. Though they dropped both matches to fall to 11-2, they were still grateful for the experience.

"When you face good competition you get better," said freshman Landon Williams.

Members of both teams said that they are doing better this season than past years, saying that there was a "new energy."

"We are stronger than ever before," said senior Hugo Moriya.

Sophomore Chelsea Hays agreed.

"When we compete, we represent our school and play with pride," she said.

As the teams look to the end of the season, they said they are expecting to represent Olivet well at both the NAIA and NCCAA national tournaments. But no matter how they do, they know that that have already had successful seasons.

"We are the champions, my friend," Moriya said.

Coburn to continue her dream in Spain

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When the women's basketball team lost in the second round of the NAIA National Tournament to defending champion Union University, senior Simone Coburn had played her last collegiate game.

"I knew deep down I didn't want it to be over," Coburn said.

While her collegiate career was over, her basketball career was not.

In February, Ron Hicks, head coach and owner of the American Basketball Association's Chicago Steam, approached Coburn to go on a trip to Spain with the Chicago Lady Steam, a semi-professional team made up of other recent college graduates hoping to play overseas. The team will play five games in Barcelona and Madrid to showcase their talent in front of European professional coaches in hopes of getting a contract to play.

The trip was originally scheduled for April for one week but was postponed until June to allow some of the women to finish up classes. In the meantime, the team practices together on weekends in South Holland and Chicago, Ill.

Coburn transferred to Olivet her junior year after leading her junior college, Rock Valley Community College in Rockford, Ill., to a conference title and a trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament in the two years she played there. She was Rock Valley's first ever women's basketball All-American. At Olivet, Coburn led the team both years in scoring, twice earning the CCAC All-Conference honors. This past season, she helped guide the Lady Tigers to a regular season conference title and a trip to the second round of the NAIA National Tournament where they lost to the defending champions Union University.

Coburn began playing basketball when she was eight years old. She started learning from her older brother and elementary school gym teacher.

"With only one sister and three brothers, it was easier to follow



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Senior Simone Coburn drives around a Southern Polytechnic State University (Ga.) on March 16 at the national tournament. The Tigers won, 87-79.

after my brothers," Coburn said.

But following her brothers did not mean that Coburn was always encouraged in her choice to play basketball.

"Growing up I didn't have much support, but I knew it was something I just loved to do," Coburn said. "I [continue not to] focus on those who don't encourage or support me. I just play because my biggest support comes from God."

With or without support, Coburn began to dream big. In high school, Coburn knew she wanted to play in college. Her success in junior college fueled her passion, creating her desire to play overseas after obtaining a degree.

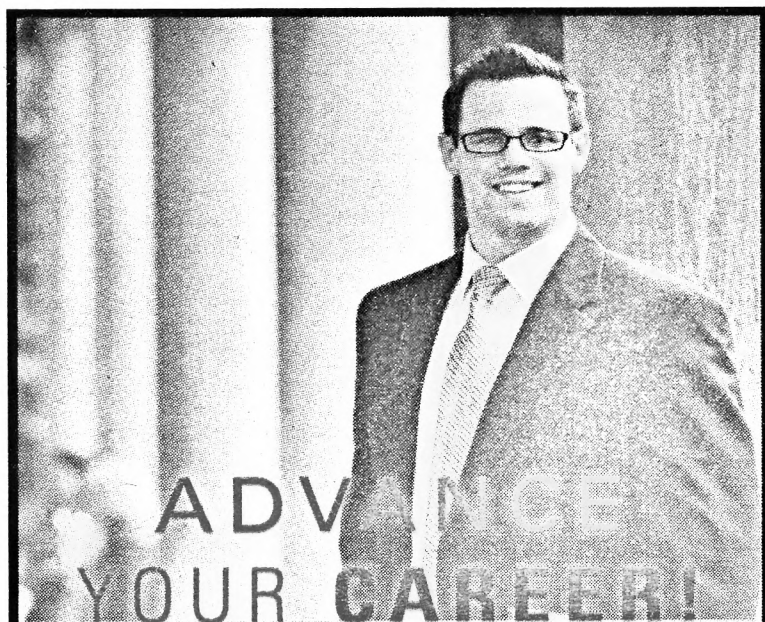
While Coburn may not have expected to have the opportunity to play abroad right away, she knows

that God is directing her.

"I know that I was supposed to be at my junior college, Olivet and next, overseas," Coburn said. "Everything in my life has been spiritually based: education with a Christian purpose and playing basketball with a Christian purpose."

Coburn is determined to continue to do both. After she graduates in August, Coburn will be the first in her family to have attended and graduated from college. If her plan to play for the Lady Steam also comes to fruition, she will be the first to have the opportunity to play athletics professionally.

"My main thing is to continue to follow my dream and not let anything hold me back from succeeding," Coburn said.



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